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W-O Election Today, Saturday 5 More Local 12 Units Report

Balloting Scheduled For Balance Of Month At UAW Headquarters

Election activities today at Local 12 Hall is being staged by Willys-Overland Unit, largest in Local 12. The auto workers will conclude their balloting tomorrow, Saturday at 2:30 P. M. Counting of ballots will proceed immediately after the closing of the polls.

Five other Units of Local 12 reported this week their election results to Howard Seren, Local 12 president.

Heading Associated Products as chairman is Gene Chadwick. Named vice chairman is William Parqutt and Robert McCormick will serve as secretary.

Dupont Committee

Glenn Frantz is chairman of the Dupont Unit and Calvin Hubbell vice chairman. Fred Davis holds the post as secretary.

Tillotson Group

Helen Wagner was elected chairman of Tillitson Unit with Robert Kries assisting as vice chairman. Arthur Brockmueller takes over as secretary.

Named to the committee are Darrel Collins, Stanley M. Scheuer, Genevie Turski and Leona Spilis.

Surface Combustion Unit

Hayden Bartlett heads Surface Combustion Unit as chair man and Donald Holsopple serves as vice chairman. Walter Wills has the secretarial position.

Members of the shop committee in addition to the named officers are William LaVrar, Karl Kelly, Ralph Ridenous, and Robert Cochenour.

S. M. Jones

Joseph Kolodzaike heads the S. M. Jones Unit with Charles Schoch being vice chairman. Cleo Butler holds the job of secretary.

Mike Lubistowski is sergeant-at-arms and Billy Iler and Paul Wintringham are other members on the shop committee.

No Comment Necessary . . .

Beefing about conditions, are you? Well, read this and rejoice:

Continental Oil Co. Profits for 1948, just reported, were $54,216,729, equal to $11.24 per share. In 1947 this same outfit netted $31,356,663 which was equal to a mere $6.61 per share.

Shell Union Oil Co. Profits for 1948 were $111,396,000 as againtst $59,875,000 for 1947—practically a 100% increase.

Doehler-Jarvis Corp. Profits for 1948 were $7,599,780 as against $6,235,609 for 1947.

National Lead Co. Net profit for 1948 was $13,304,355 as against a net profit of $12,180,-132 for 1947.

General Electric Co. Profits for 1948 were $123,835,000, equal to $4.29 per share as against a net profit of $95,299,-000, or $3.30 a share in 1947.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Lamb set an time March price record of $28.75 a hundred pounds.. This price is . .6.00 higher than the recent "low" price recorded on Feb. 8th.

Zvara On YMCA Town Meeting

Monday Session Free To Public

Pete Zvara, assistant director of the UAW Diecasters Division will be one of the speakers at the YMCA Town Meeting, Monday evening at the Central YMCA, it was announced by Moe Okun, chairman of the program committee.

Pete Zvara

Mr. Zvara is noted for high ranking and interesting talks and will share the speaker's program with Phil Gentile, secretary of the City Community Relations Committee and two others which were to be named today.

The Town meeting talks Monday will be on Fair Employment Practices and will begin at 8 p.m. The public is invited and there is no admission charge, Mr. Okun said.

Rediger Named To Centennial Committee

Board Of Education To Observe 100th Anniversary

A Citizens Committee, membership of which includes Howard Rediger, executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council has been formed to sponsor a community observance of the Toledo Public Schools Centennial this year, E. L. Bowsher, superintendent of schools announced.

10th Anniversary

The Centennial will be observed during the week ending May 8, hundredth anniversary of the election of the first Board of Education, charged with establishing and maintaining a city-wide system of free public education.

'The Citizens Committee has been formed to assure participation in the Centennial by the community, of which the school are an integral part," Mr. Bowsher said.

The first Board of Education composed of Ira L. Clark, Decius Yadsworth, John P. Free-

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L. U. 14 Officers Ordered Before Interna't Board

Distribution Of Scurrilous Handbills Reason

Officers of Local 14 UAW-CIO were **ordered** to appear before the International Executive Board of UAW-CIO on Thursday, March 17. The original order, addressed to Paul Crunkilton, Local 14 president and signed by Emil Mazey International Secretary-Treasurer, set the appearance for Friday, March 18.

Scurrilous Handbills

Text of the two telegrams are as follows: "Paul W. Crunkilton, President Local Union 14, UAW-CIO, 851 Islington Street Toledo, Ohio. The officers of Local Union 14 are hereby **ordered** to appear before the International Exectuive Board on Friday, March 18, 1949, at 11 a.m. Wardell Room, Sheraton Hotel, Detriot, Michigan, relative to distribution of scurrilous handbills and other material which is against the best interests of the International Union. (signed) Emil Mazey, International Secretary - Treasurer. By order of the International Executive Board UAW-CIO."

Correction On Date

The second wire. "Paul W. Crunkilton, president Local Union 14, UAW-CIO, 851 Islington Street, Toledo, Ohio. Retel sent yesterday your appearance changed to Thursday, March 17, 1949, 11 a.m. Wardell Room, Sheraton Hotel, Detroit Michigan. (signed) Emil Mazey, International Secretary-Treasurer."

Crunkilton and other officers were **ordered** to appear before the Executive Board because of unfounded statements in literature bearing their signatures and irresponsible statements released to the daily press regarding an officer of the International Union.

UAW Board Concerned

The International Executive Board is naturally concerned with the welfare of the entire membership of UAW and CIO realizing, in the face of negotiations which are to be opened, this type of frantic job seeking is detrimental to the entire labor movement not only in Toledo but everywhere.

It is hoped that this hearing ordered by the Board will put a stop to irresponsible press releases which attack the International Officers of UAW-CIO.

Dorothy Mann Gives Effective Testimony

Appears At Hearing In Support Of New Women's Work Bill

The most effective testimony given before the Ohio House Indutry and Labor Committee came from Dorothy Mann, member of Champion Spark Plug Unit of Local 12 who appeared at the hearing in Columbus in support of Senate Bill 399.

The new measure restores the eight hour day and does away with loopholes permitting employers to work women 12 days without a day of rest.

King Is Active

Bill 399 introduced by Frank King (D., Lucas County), Ann Ryan (D., Canton) and Francis Sullivan (D., Cuyahoga) would replace the Kowalt nine hour day bill passed by the 97th Assembly which resulted in 12 and 14 hour day for women receiving $35 a week. (Full details in legislative letter from CIO Council appearing on page two in this issue of the Journal).

Money Isn't Worth It

Miss Mann described in her testimony recent overtime stretches at her factory and universal reaction from women that "the extra money isn't worth it. I've never been so tired," she said.

Jos. Mansor Named To TIUC Position

Joseph Mansor, a member of the Auto Lite Unit was named recording secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, CIO. He succeeds Eleanor Coakley who resigned to accept a position as press secretary to Representative Thomas H. Burke.

Joseph Mansor

Mr. Mansor is well known to TIUC delegates being active in the union movement for many years.

5500 Doehler Workers Cast Ballots In NLRB Election

Gray Begins 7th Term As Local Officer

Seren In First Term As President; Installed Friday

Local 12 UAW-CIO headquarters resumed its activities Monday morning under a new president, Howard Seren. All of the officers elected in Feb. and without opposition, were installed at the Local meeting last Friday by Richard Gosser, International UAW-CIO Vive President.

Randolph Gray, financial secretary heads the list in point of

RANDOLPH GRAY

service as an officer of Local 12. He began his 7th term in that position this week as one of three full time officers. The other two full time jobs are that of president and treasurer.

Union Experience

Union experience for Gray dates back to the inception of the union and his first experience came as a committeeman, secretary and vice chairman at the Spicer plant. His seniority at that plant has reached the 20 year mark.

Two Vice Presidents

The two vice president of the Local are Clem Holewinski and Earl Stucker. The latter is a vice chairman at the Auto-Lite plant.

Serving as treasurer is Norman Meyers and recording secretary, a post vacated by Seren, will be a new job for William Healey.

Board Members At Large are Burny Zawody, Ernie Kubacki, Ben Ringler, Harold Bilheimer, Ray Thurman and Wilbert Rule. William Weston is trustee, third term and Al Kengott, guide.

T-H Repeal Hearing On

WASHINGTON, (LPA) — Labor spokesmen will be heard this week by the House Labor Committee, as it enters the second and final week of hearings on Taft-Hartley repeal. Both AFL and CIO officials here participated in a nationwide broadcast explaining the reasons for T-H repeal, sponsored by the Democratic Nat'l Committee and presided over the Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah).

Top Officers Of Local 12 UAW-CIO

Above picture shows the five top officers in Local 12 UAW-CIO who were installed at the meeting last Friday by International UAW-CIO Vice President Richard Gosser. Seated at left is William Healey, recording secretary and at right Norman Meyers, treasurer. Standing left to right are Clem Holewinski, a vice president; Howard Seren, president and Earl Stucker, a vice president. The president and treasurer are full time officers.

Taking time out to be pictured at the installation are the board members of Local 12. Left to right front row are Ben Ringler, Burny Zawodny, Wilbert (Birdie) Rule, Art Peth, organizer and Ray Thurman. Back row left to right are Ernie Kubacki, Al Kengott, guide; Harold Dean, organizer; Harold Bilheimer and Al Schneider, trustee. The two organizers are the only full time officers.

UAW Only Union On The Ballot

Doehler Council To Meet After The Election

TOLEDO, O. — More than 5,500 employees of the Doehler-Jarvis Corp. will cast ballots in a collective bargaining election to be conducted by the National Labor Relations Board on the 24th of this month. The election will take place in the Toledo, Ohio, Pottstown, Pa., Batavia, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill. plants of the Doehler-Jarvis Corp. The election was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board as a result of a petition asking for such an election by the Doehler local unions.

Skilled Workers Too

Originally, the MESA also filed for an election, claiming bargaining rights in the Skilled Divisions of the four plants involved. The NLRB granted this petition. However, apparently because they felt that they would not win such an election, the MESA formally withdrew from the contest. This left the UAW-CIO as the only union which will appear on the ballot.

Outgrowth Of Fight

This election is an outgrowth of a long fight that the Doehler local unions have been waging for many months now to formally secede from the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. Actually the break from Mine, Mill took place in June of 1948 after the leaders of that union failed to comply with the request of the Doehler locals to comply with the so-called non-communist affidavits of the infamous Taft-Hartley Act. The Doehler locals demanded this because they were convinced that non-compliance will eventually lead to the complete disintegration of their organization.

Meet March 28

Immediately after the NLRB election, or rather after the ballots will be counted on Monday, March 28th in Cleveland, the National Doehler Council will meet in New York City together with Doehler Co. officials to take up a long list of problems that have been pending for the past several months.

Representing the Toledo plant on the National Doehler Council will be Edward S. Roman, local president; Al Sobb, local chief steward and Roland Birtwhistle and Eddie Evans, Council members.

The International Union will be represented by Pete Zvara, assistant director of the UAW-CIO Die Casting Department.

Open House At Textile Local

Members To View New Headquarters

The Toledo Joint Board, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, which has moved its offices from 215 Summit street to 134 Summit street, across from Sears Department Store, will hold an open house for members and friends, as soon as remodeling and redecorating is completed.

The offices occupy the entire second and third floor of the building, which will be the headquarters for Locals 224, 225, 226, 377, 502, 509 and 527 of the Textile Workers.

Floor Surfacing Workers Give To Camp Fund

American Floor Surfacing Unit of Local 12 joined Mather Spring Unit to conform with the Local recommendation that shops pass collection cans voluntarily each week for donations to the summer camp fund.

The first report from the Floor Surfacing Unit showed a collection of $78.30.

Other shops will begin to pass collection cans among its employees, it was revealed by Howard Rediger, director of the Local 12 Summer Camp fund campaign.

He said that the drive to reach the $100,000 goal set last year is beginning to gain momentum.

Overseas Aid Continues

NEW YORK (LPA)—As part of a running campaign, CIO last week distributed 2000 CARE packages to European trade unionists in their program designed to strengthen the foreign labor movement. One of the original founders of CARE, the union's Community Services Committee has sent over $1,000,000 worth of packages abroad.

Packard Unit Donates Flag

The Packard Unit of Local 12 donated to the Local 12 Summer Camp a large American flag about 10 by 15 feet in size, which will either be flown from the camp staff or used in one of the camp buildings.

Guild Election Set For Mar. 28

Warwick Unopposed For President

Officers of the Toledo chapter of the American Newspaper Guild, composed of employes of the Blade and Times, will be elected by a referendum vote March 28 and 29.

Howard Warwick, present vice president, is unopposed for the presidency. He will be succeeded by Charles Hosteller, who is the only candidate for the vice presidency. Miss Helen Orcutt is unopposed for the recording secretary's post.

Ira Brock and Kenneth Rieger are candidates for board members at large, while Lucille Richardson, Howard Wolfe oppose the present treasurer, Paul Tovey.

Tom Burke Is In Toledo

Here To Transact Local Business

Representative Thomas H. Burke made his first Toledo visit this week since moving to Washington.

The former TIUC executive secretary and former vice mayor will return to the Capitol Sunday night after transacting his local business in the Toledo office in the Old Federal Bldg.

During the three day stay he took time out to attend the Knights of Equity banquet which was held Thursday evening. He also included a must while in Toledo which was a visit to TIUC headquarters to chat with his buddies.

Oil Workers Await Decision

NLRB To Rule On Charges

Clyde Shamblin, president of Local 346, Oil Workers, CIO, and Attorney Lowell Goerlich, are awaiting a decision of the NLRB as a result of a hearing conducted in Washington recently in an unfair labor practice charge filed by the Pure Oil Co., against the union.

In a previous hearing on the same charge the trial examiner ruled for the union and then the company filed a motion for a new hearing, claiming that the examiner was in error, and this last hearing was the result.

The charge grew out of the union's refusal to cross picket lines set up at the Standard Oil Co., docks during a strike last summer.

Pan-American Raises Pay

NEW YORK (LPA)—Pan-American Airlines will be paying stewardesses overtime for "goodwill chores performed at public functions" under terms of a new contract negotiated with Transport Workers Union-CIO last week. The agreement affecting 650 employes also provides a $12-a-month pay hike and permits hostesses to retain their jobs for six months after marriage.

Cafeteria Workers Want To Join CIO

The cafeteria workers of the Pure Oil Co., petitioned officers of Local 346, Oil Workers Union, CIO, for admission to that organization it was announced today by Clyde Shamblin, president. The cafeteria workers also asked for a union contract.

Toledoans Invited To Visit Boys' Club, March 28 To April 3

Organization To Observe Club Week To Familiarize Public With Program

All citizens of Toledo are invited to visit the Boys' Club of Toledo March 28 through April 3 which has been set aside for the annual observance of Boys' Club Week, which is the aim to familiarize the public with the splendid program in the local club and others throughout the nation, it was announced by Homer Hanham, executive director of the club.

History of Club

Wherever Boy's Clubs are in existence it can be shown that deliquency is a minor problem, as attested to by many juvenile judges and police officials, while the less fortunate neighborhoods, those lacking a club, continue to produce tomorrow's prison populace.

Non-Sectarian Organization

A Boy's Club is a non-sectarian organization sponsored and staffed by adults and financed by the citizens of the community. In Toledo the Boy's Club, located at 618 Superior Street, is a Red Feather service of the Greater Toledo Community Chest, one of the thirteen leisure time and character building agencies supported by the people of Toledo through their voluntary contributions to the Chest. Thirty-seven hundred boys hold membership in Boy's Club of Toledo, where they receive vocational and character guidance from trained professional workers, and where qualified leadership in all youth activities is available to them.

Have Varied Programs

A short tour through the club would amaze the average citizen unfamiliar with the expanded program which is being carried on so small a budget. Printing, carpentry, and wood-craft, typing, art, plastic and leather-craft, photography and even drama are taught in the classes held daily on the club. And sports-minded boys may participate in touch football, basketball, swimming, boxing, broad-jump and pull-up contests,and other body-building activities. In addition to this varied program, a summer camp is maintained near Pinckney, Michigan, where the Boy's Club of Toledo plays host to four hundred fifty boys each summer.

Any Boy Can Belong

What is most important—any boy can belong to the Boy's Club. And there's where equality comes in. When a bitter, down-trodden boy, half forgotten by his elders, begins to feel that he "belongs," he begins to realize his equality. Equality is all one needs to take advantage of his share of opportunities all around him in this country of plenty.

Citizens of Toledo can visit the club any afternoon or evening during Boy's Club Week, between the hours of 4:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Editorial

Their Actions Are Contemptible

"We are not hyprocrites in our sleep."

IT IS, INDEED, RARE even for the ultra-reactionary members of the United States Congress to act with such brutal and utter contempt towards the people of America as they have within the past several days. The audacity and hypocrisy of these people is truly appalling and terrifying in its possible consequences. So much so that one is forced to ask: To what depths, gentlemen, will you descend to serve the interests of Special Privilege and to subvert your manifest responsibility to those who elected you?

FULLY SEVENTY-SEVEN days have elasped since the 81st Congress began its sessions. Yet, during all this time, not a single major piece of legislation has been enacted. Not a single plank from the platform of the victorious Democratic party; not a single promise from the profuse speeches of President Truman.

THE RESPONSIBILITY for this alarming situation does not lie primarily at the door of President Truman This incredible situation was brought about by the Southern reactionaries and their equally reactionary republican collegues. These are the people who give not a tinker's damn for the will of the people. These are the people who trample upon party platforms, promises and the very heart of our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

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Rediger Named To Centennial Committee

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man, Simeon Fitch, Jr., Morgan L. Collins and Samuel B. Scott, took over three small school buildings valued at $1500 in a fledgling city which was mostly swamp land and dirt streets.

Built Schol System

In the century that followed a succession of unpaid Boards of Education and able administrators have built the city's school system from an enrollment of 489 children to some 40,000 children, war veterans, skilled trades apprentices, and others who today are being trained to work and live in the complex world of tomorrow.

"We feel that the century mark is a good time to pause and appraise the progress which has been made to date and take stock of the rising enrollments, our changing world and other educational problems of the future. We want the community at large to join us in that appraisal and stock-taking," Mr. Bowsher said.

Tobin Warns: Watch Number Of Jobless

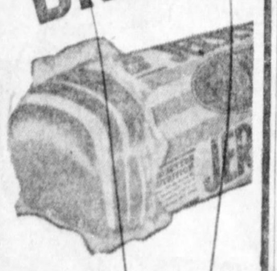
WASHINGTON (LPA) — Most of the present unemployment is seasonal, and it will be when the spring hiring starts that economists will know whether we should be frightened by the number of workers out of jobs, according to Commissioner Ewan Clague of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He said that when and if jobless ness mounts to 4,000,000, the situation would be really serious.

Claims Rising

Tho claims for unemployment insurance rose again during the week ended Feb. 5, Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin told a Congressional committee last week that "While the volume of unemployment at the present time is not large, the situation is one that should be watched closely."

According to the Bureau of Employment Security, claims for jobless benefits in the week ended Feb. 5, after having declined for the preceding three weeks. Total unemployment in January was only 600,000 more than in the same month of 1948, despite the fact that there were 900,000 more persons available for work.

JERSEY GOLD BREAD



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CIO Leaders At White House

CIO leaders recently visited the White House to urge prompt action on the Fair Deal program. They came out smiling. Standing left to right behind President Truman are: Jack Kroll, CIO-PAC; John Green, Marine and Shipbuilding Workers; George Baldanzi, Textile Workers; L. S. Buckmaster, Rubber Workers; James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer; Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union; David J. McDonald, Steelworkers; Walter Reuther, Auto Workers; Arthur Goldberg, CIO general counsel; and Frank Rosenblum, Amalgamated Clothing Workers. (LPA)

Legislative News Letter From

OHIO C. I. O. COUNCIL

A WEEK of tugging and shoving ended Wednesday evening when the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee voted favorably for S.B.—142, which liberalizes unemployment comepnsation law. Before reporting the bill favorably, however, the committee whittled away at some provisions.

Still intact were these items: Increased maximum compensation from $21 to $25, plus $2.50 dependancy allowance for each child with a limit of two; extended benefit period from 22 to 26 weeks; liberalized law in voluntary quit cases; a clear definition of "suitable work," long a bugaboo for unemployed workers, and, the reduction of waiting period from two to one week.

As a result of the tug-a-war the committee cut proposed benefits for Great Lakes seamen but still bettered present law; left discharge cases as in the present law (which the original bill sought to improve) and "establishment" (which has barmuddied up the definition of red compensation for workers laid off as the result of a Labor dispute to which they were not a party.

Action came after the Administration interceded to tone provisions. The committee vote down some of the more liberal saw all five Democrats in favor; with Senator Ferguson (R., Cambridge) refusing to vote and Senator Wm. Deddens (R., Hamilton) shouting "No."

Chamber of Commerce Blitz Attack

Pulling its hair all week, the Chamber of Commerce made plans for a blitz attack on S.B.—142. Calling it a "CIO Left-Wing" bill, the Chamber's emergency call to action is replete with cracks about "chiselers," "corner-cutters," welfare state" and "relief measures."

Chief Chamber worry is that the fund can't stand increased benefits Chief Lobbyist Herschel Atkinson alleges, but business spokesman urged slashing employer rates, "because the fund could stand it" and took a 25-million dollar rakeoff two years ago, while denying workers increases.

Staging a full-dress attack on S.B.—142, the Chamber strategy calls for complete defeat on the Senate floor.

"Slum Clearapce . . . No Public Housing"

House Taxation Committee completed initial hearings on a half dozen urban redevelopment bills, naming a sub-committee to consider all 6, draft a suitable substitute.

Earlier the committee informally agreed, according to Chairman James Carney (D., Cuyahoga), to split urban redevelopment and public housing. The "suitable substitute" is expected to ignore any public housing feature. Other pending bills cover this field.

Hearings were marked by real estate lobbyists testimony, urging urban redevelopment that protects slum owenrs, utilities, real estate speculators and private interests, with no attention to the problem of displaced slum dwellers and little protection for the general public.

Typical real estate lobbyist statement: "I've seen real happy families living in mud huts. Why do we have to be so altruistic and put these people in homes of a quality they never hoped to reach?"

One real estate operator, Henry Worley of Columbus, urged as effective safeguards for the public as are provided in the bill for utilities, slum owners and speculators. As other realators squirmed, he added, "Make sure that real estate operators like myself don't conspire to make millions out of this."

Shorter Hours Urged For Working Women

Out to right the wrong done working women by the 97th General Assembly, which passed the Kowalt nine-hour day, Representatives Anne Ryan (D., Canton); Frank King (D., Lucas and Francis Sullivan (D., Cuyahoga) appeared before the House Industry and Labor Committee to back their bill—H.B.-399.

The measure restores the 8-hour day and does away with loopholes permitting employers to work women 12 days without a day of rest and the broad definition of supervision that resulted in 12 to 14-hour day for women received $35 a week. Leading the fight for H.B.-399 was Elizabeth Magee of the Consumers' League, long an exponent of protective legislation. She called the Kowalt bill a backward step and presented statistics how chiseling employers used its provisions to overwork and underpay female employees.

Modern productivity should result in shorter hours, she said and CIO, along with other Labor organizations, backed her stand. The bill would spread work, CIO Secretary-Treasurer Jacob Clayman pointed out, with 31,-629 women unemployed as of January 31, while others worked hours unhealthily long.

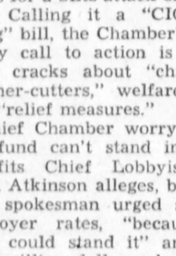
UAW Member Effective Witness

Most effective testimony came from Dorothy Mann, UAW Local 12, Toledo, who described recent overtime stretches at her factory and universal reaction from women that "the extra money isn't worth it. I've never been so tired.' James Divine, UE business agent, Dayton, testified to numerous complaints from women workers made ill by longer hours. They were afraid to refuse foremen's requests for overtime, he said, for fear of of retaliation.

Opponents included the Ohio Association of Manufacturers, Ohio Bell Telepohne, Western Union, canery representatives, laundry and dry cleaning lobbyists and retail merchants groups. Still to be heard is the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, also opposed. Opponents were "in favor of the eight-hour day in principle," they all said, but wanted exemptions for just "this industry." Commented Rep. Sullivan, one of the authors, "if we exempted each industry that asked, there'd be no bill."

Flash!

Labor's Unemployment Compensation Bill H.B.-254 (Witmer, Sullivan DuBar, Joyce) comes up before the House Industry and Labor Committee for initial hearings Tuesday evening. At that time efforts will be made to reinsert those provisions originally included in S.B.-142 and struck out by the Senate committee.



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If you're fed to the teeth with people who write books about unions and don't know what the inside of a plant is like, Union Guy by Clayton Fountain (Viking, $2.75) is the book for you.

Fountain went to work in the Packard plant in Detroit in 1928 and it was eight years after that before he joined a union when he was working at Chevrolet Gear & Axle. The union was United Auto Workers-CIO and it was another six years until he became a porkchopper (on the union payroll) in 1942.

In Union Guy he tells his own personal story, and with it the story of the growth of the UAW from 1934 until today.

He was born in a small town in upper Michigan in 1909 and was lured down to Detroit 19 years later in search of the fabulous pay he's heard about in the auto plants there. When he finally landed a job in a plant he spent only two years on it before the depression hit and he was laid off.

Two and a half years passed before Fountain got his hands on a pay check again and his description of those years tell more about depression than any number of books by economists. In 1933, shortly after he started holding down a job again, he crossed a picket line of tool and die makers in Flint. Three years later he was canned for union activity.

Plenty happened in those three years. He joined the UAW. He began reading. He got interested in ideas. He joined the Communist Party.

Over a year later he left the Communist Party, after discovering that it was a dictatorship. Union Guy tells how the Commies operate in a union. It also tells how some other factions have operated in the UAW. Politiking, it seems, takes up a lot of the time and energy that goes into building a union.

There are some good stories in the book. Like the description of the Buffalo convention where the delegates sang down the airshafts. Or the legendary tale of the Ford plant supervisor who got a punch in the nose when he kicked a barrel out from under a worker who was sitting down on the job. Turned out the guy worked for the phone company.

In 1942, Fountain went to work for the UAW. In '43 he joined Walter Reuther's personal staff and in '46 he was made associate editor of the Auto Worker. He is part Indian and hates racial discrimination in any form. He would like to see a progressive political party built around labor, farmers and consumers grow up in this country. He plays the guitar and sings—mostly union songs and folk ballads. If you want to know any more about him (or about the auto workers) read Union Guy.

Okay 75c Wage Floor

WASHINGTON, (LPA) — A proposed Fair Labor Standards Act of 1949, bringing the older wage-hour law up to date, was approved last week by a one-vote margin. Southern Democrats expect for South Carolina's Hugo Sims lined up with a solid Republican bloc, but the bill embodying a 75c minimum and increased coverage of retail establishments was recommended favorably. Floor debate starts March 21.

BARRETT'S SHOE STORE

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Ohio PAC Pamphlet Cites Taft's Confessions On T-H

Titled, "Wrong Again Mr. Taft," Facts Are Based On Committee Records

COLUMBUS, OHIO—The Ohio CIO Political Action Committee today began mass distibution of a pamphlet called "Wrong Again, Mr. Taft."

The pamphlet details Taft's 18 "confessions" of error in the Taft-Hartley Law, drawn from the record of the State Labor Committee's hearings on repeal of that law.

Powerful Political Leader

Noting that "this wouldn't be an important story if it were just about an ordinary man," the Ohio CIO-PAC adds, "but this is the story of a powerful political leader. And when such a person is wrong . . . terribly wrong, on public issues, it hurts us all."

Says the Ohio CIO-PAC, "we tell this story, not in a spirit of malice, but in the public interest. We believe that it is sound American tradition for the people to know about their political leaders . . . to know and discuss the problems of the day."

In a foreword to the list of "Taft confessions," the pamphlet briefly sketches the atmosphere in which the Taft-Hartley law was born, and says:

Public Viewpoint

"Union spokesmen, aided by many outstanding experts representing the public point of view, pointed out, item for item, the unfairness and confusion in the bill. Labor spokesmen said that it would not work . . . that it would distort friendly Labor-Management relations . . . that it would add bitterness and further strain in normal contacts between employer and worker.

"Senator Taft refused to believe the leaders of Labor. He turned a deaf ear to their itemized and detailed arguments. He gave them a flat and adamant NO!

"Well, the Taft-Hartley Law just hasn't worked. Everybody who knows anything at all about Labor-Management relations admits that now.

"Senator Taft says so on the record.

"And he has said so 18 times over."

Politicians Confession

The CIO-PAC pamphlet charges "Never in modern political history has there been such a demonstration of wrong-headedness. Never in recent Congressional history has a political leader confessed of so many errors on a single law."

After discussing the 18 points on which Taft has said, "I was Wrong," the CIO-PAC adds:

"If Senator Taft were humble about his confession . . . if he had said, 'Yes, I know I made too many mistakes, I know I am not qualified to pass judgment on Labor-Management affairs'—and then had gracefully left the field to more qualified minds, we might have considered this an honest and modest gesture.

Insists He Is Expert

"But no! The Senator still insists upon retaining the Taft-Hartley Law. He still insists upon being considered the expert. Indeed, he still insists upon being the captain of the team.

"It is the case of the worst batter on the team insisting upon being put in as the pinch-hitter in the last of the ninth inning with the bases loaded.

"It doesn't make sense, does it?"

Concluding, the pamphlet says, "If your doctor would guess 18 times wrong in the handling of your personal ailment, you would find a new one . . . wouldn't you? At least you wouldn't accept his advice any longer.

"Why shouldn't a politician be given the same treatment?"

Union Label On The Air

WASHINGTON, (LPA) — A series of transcribed radio programs promoting the union label are now available for presentation by local stations.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, presented with a set of transcriptions by United Hat, Cap & Millinery Workers—AFL last week, praised the efforts of the union to make the programs available thruout the nation.

The series, dramatizing the lives of great men and important events, stars Hollywood and Broadway talent including Edward Arnold, Tallulah Bankhead, Ralph Bellamy, Milton Berle, Jose Ferrer, Edward G. Robinson and other well known actors.

Instead Of Hartley

Rep. Peter J. Rodino (D., N. J.), the young attorney who's in Congress from Fred Hartley's old district, told the House Labor Committee last week how his constituents repudiated Hartleyism by a slashing majority on Nov. 2. (LPA)

Pro-Labor Congressmen Say Election Demonstrates Voters Oppose T-H Law

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Some very graphic evidence to support labor's contention that the Nov. 2 election was a mandate for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act was given at the House Labor Committees' hearings on the Administration's bill for repeal of T-H.

Very fittingly, the first witness to do so was young Peter W. Rodino, attorney and World War veteran, who was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket from New Jersey's 10th district, which Fred Hartley had represented for 20 years.

Hartley didn't dare run again, and Rodino said his Republican opponent campaigned on the issue that he'd "carry on where Hartley left off."

"My opponent didn't get the opportunity to carry on," Rodino said. "The voters rejected him and repudiated Hartleyism.

"If there's any question about that, take Hartley's home town of Kearney. It had voted Republican for the last 80 years. This time it went Democratic. I won after manking repeal of Taft-Hartley the main issue. There's no question but that my constituents delivered a mandate for repeal. I'm sure that's true also of voters all over the nation."

Ray J. Madden (D., Ind.) gave more sweeping evidence along that line. "I remember Congressman Halleck of my own state and other Republicans challenged President Truman to make the Taft-Hartley act an issue in the campaign," he said, "Truman took up the challenge and you know the results.

"Let me tell you what happened in Indiana. Ten Indiana congressment, all Republicans, voted to the Taft-Hartley law. What happened to them? Well, seven of them are no longer in Congress. They were replaced by Democrats committeed to repeal of Taft-Hartley. Two others got back only by a photo-finish. There can be no question that repeal of the T-H act was the primary issue in Indiana."

Rep. Barrett O'Harra (D., Ill.) told the same story. "I represent a district that includes the University of Chicago," he said. "It is not a labor district and it is normally Republican, but campaigning on the issue of Taft-Hartley repeal, I won by a substantial majority."

A similar account was given by others—among them John A. Blatnik, Democratic-Farmer Laborite from Minnesota. "In the last campaign I promised the working people of my district I would fight for complete repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and work for a return to the Wagner Act." he said. "I know the workers voted for me on that basis."

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No one objected to these decorative pickets outside the building in which the House Agriculture Committee deliberated last week on federal laws regulating oleomargarine. The poor man's butter—used by an increasing number of families feeling the pinch of inflation—lost in the Committee, which voted to repeal federal taxes, but prohibits the transportation of colored oleo across state lines. Only 13 states have plants manufacturing colored margarine, so in the other 35 housewives will have to continue the old bowl-and-spoon method of preparing the spread. (LPA)

73-Year-Old Milwaukeean To Devote Rest Of Life To Labor

Milwaukee (LPA — A multi-millionaire Milwaukeean—Joseph E. Uihlein, 73 — captured the nation's headlines this week by announcing that he intends to spend the remaining years of his life organizing white collar workers into unions.

Uihlein is one of Milwaukees most aristocratic names. A Uihlein founded the Schlitz Brewery Co. and his descendents are the owners of it now. They constitute one of the wealthiest families in the mid-west.

Headed Brewery

For years, Joseph headed the brewery, but he retired and now it's managed by two brothers. Joseph has clashed with them frequently on policies. He and his children are still major stockholders in the brewery.

For years, Joseph has been a maverick in his class. He has advocated redistribution of wealth, heavier taxes on the rich, and more consideration of the welfare of what he called "das volk" —the people. He insisted the New Deal didn't go far enough.

Now he is resigning his post as a director of the First Wisconsin National Bank, one of the nation's largest, so he could devote "full time to encouraging the organization of white collar workers.."

Better Selves In Union

"I believe that five to six million Americans can better their lot by joining white collar unions," he said, "I hope to do what I can to encourage this. I am not in it for honor for myself but only through a desire to help the working class."

"I've been thinking about this for years. I began to discover that a lot of these people of wealth are not deserving of what they possess. I found something was wrong with the wealthy class. I think a whole lot of them would be better off if they had to work."

He revealed he had already talked about unionism and pension plans to President William Green of the AFL and President John L. Lewis of the Miners, and that he hopes to confer with President Philip Murray of the CIO.

Uihlein announced too, that a year ago he tried to join the Brewery Workers' Union, but he was turned down because the union's constitution requires that members must be employed at the craft.

Suggests Welfare Fund

Last week, he stirred a new row with his brothers at the brewery when he again proposed that the Schlitz firm turn 25 cents for every barrel of beer sold into a welfare fund for the firm's 4000 employees. That would amount to about a million dollars on the basis of last year's sales—or about 1/16 of the company's profits.

Uihlein made the proposal public at a hearing of the Wisconsin Senate Judiciary Committee, and his brothers promptly disowned. However, Local 9 of the Brewery Workers, on contract renewal negotiations starting next week, intends to take up the idea and asks for a welfare contribution of at least 20 cents a barrel. The union feels that, in vew of the publicity, the company can't in good grace refuse to bargain on the issue.

Auto Workers School Scheduled

MADISON (LPA) — Official announcement of the June 19th opening date of this year's summer school came from UAW-headquarters last week. Marking the fourth annual institute, the two week sessions will include classes on labor development as well as a varied recreation progarm. As previously, it will be a part of the University of Wisconsin School for Workers.

Union Reprimands Congress Laxity

NEW YORK (LPA)—Expressing fear that Congress seems to be "overlooking last November's election returns" representatives of 32,000 Textile Workers—CIO demanded immediate repeal of T-H and passage of $1-an-hour minimum wage. In a resolution passed at TWUA's carpet and rug conference, delegates called on liberals to "ignore Old Guard obstructionism and fulifill the mandate from the voters."

European Labor Visitors

WASHINGTON, (LPA).—Labor leaders from Britain, Sweden, Italy, Germany and Greece arrive here this week, most of them under the auspices of the Economic Cooperation Administration. The British and Swedish workers are to study US productivity methods in important industries, and then will report to unions and industry in their home countries on American know-how.

Vote Slave Labor Probe

LAKE SUCCESS (LPA)—The United Nations Economic & Social Council has, over Russian opposition, voted to approve an investigation of slave labor, to be conducted by the Int'l Labor Organization. The proposal was initiated by the AFL and the US delegate, who presented documents showing that there may be from 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 slave workers in the Soviet Union.

A MESSAGE TO SKILLED WORKERS

Join Your Tool, Die, Construction and Maintenance Workers' Council

REGION 2-B UAW-CIO

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday in April, May and June at Local 12. Night shift workers will meet the same months on the Saturday following the Tuesday meetings.

Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

By RALPH YOUNG, Secretary

OUR DEEPEST apologies to the night shift because their news was not in the column last week. Some of it had to be cut and by error all the night news was left out.

Dept. D, 2nd shift — Because she appears even younger than a year ago, Leona Hopkins was not reluctant about having a birthday or of letting it be known. Lucky it was for her, as was evidenced by the gifts she received from Emily Grove, a lovely larriat necklace. I understand that she treated her friends to cake.

March 11th was the birthday of Maxine Hammer and we congratulated her after we saw the bottle of Evening in Perrysburg perfume her boy friend gave her and the garters and pair of unmentionables, the gift of a woman friend. Maxine could hardly wait to don the latter, so she got a pass out at 8p.m.

A little party of male workers, at which Bill Lens officiated, were treated to pie Friday evening. Someone dubbed them the Eta Bitta pies. Such crust! We were not even invited!!

Eddie Blum was absent Thursday shortly after the bell had rung, Friday, he inquired of a brother inspector; "What gap-set machines did they install electric pedals over the week-end?" The answer, of course, was none. This being only Friday, Eddie, could only shake his head and mumble:. "Lost week-end."

It would not be difficult for us to say a good word for Beulah Wohlmuth, inspector in Dept. D, 1st shift even if she had not celebrated her birthday March 7th. We always found her to be efficient and likeable woman — red hair and all.

Children should be seen not heard. This applies to a certain inspector on line 9. Thanks for all the publicity, this is from a certain inspector on line 10.

Dept. G 2nd shift — Les Pollard's wife underwent an operation last week. Results — wife doing well, husband not so well! Here's to the best of luck, Les, just keep your chin up.

Fishing season is just about here agin. The whereabouts of Bob Smith, Doc Boren and Bob Myers won't be hard to determine if they turn up missing. Let's see who catches the biggest one - verbally! Smittie is one jump ahead already — 36 bullheads — verbally!!

We hear Dept. G, Tool Room, is the best department in the shop. At quitting time the shackles are unlocked and taken off the men's leg then as a whistle is blown, they line up and march over to the washstand —as another whistle blows, they march out and go home. Does it pay to be skilled man?

Dept. E, 2nd shift — Again and again it's happening. Yep! It's another birthday in Dept. E, 2nd shift. This time — Pearl Angelus, Stud lines. A grand pot luck was held as a surprise to her and very much apprecaited. Really, Pearl, the girls did this not only for your birthday, alone, but to show only their appreciation for the many favors you have done for them. Their sincere wishes for a lot more birthdays. By the way, Pearl, how old did you say you were?

Dept. D, 1st shift — The employees in Dept. D and especially line 16 ertend their wishes for a speedy recovery for Dorothy Dusseau who was injured in an automobile accident. She is Mercy Hospital.

Dept. E, 1st shift — Helen Hankforth has a birthday Wednesday, March 9th. Her friends had a pot luck for her on Tuesday. Congratulations, Helen.

We wish to thank those who helped conduct the steward election in Dept. E, 1st shift. The comment on the floor seemed unanimous of a well and orderly conducted election.

Josephine Newman, Dept. E, 1st shift, on the sillimenting work, celebrated her sweet birthday on March 6th at Ray's Place and there were 48 couples there to help her celebrate.

Dept. D, 1st shift — Congratulations to Lucille Silliman, who married recently. Lucille decided to make married life her career and so she quite her job at Champion.

From Dept. D, 2nd Shift

The latest dope is on Louie Block. Louie is now sporting around with a loaded bowling ball. At the ABC Tournament at Atlantic City, they asked Louie where he found that "pumpkin" with 2¼ ounces too much———. So they threw it out. What's the idea, Lou- Building those muscles? By the way, what happened up at Atlantic City, eh? Speaking of building muscles, why not come back on the washers Lou, it's safe here and you better get that ball balanced.

Folks do read the column or scan it at least for items that are of special interest to themselves. This reporter was jarred awake to this fact recently when it was pointed out that he was neglecting some of our workers.

Friends of Cecelia Raczkowski, inspector, who is on sick leave will wish to send her a word of cheer of visit her.

Agnes Pointinger has been home in bed with the flu for more than a week and is slowly recovering. Wonder who fed Aggie's birds during her illness?

Speaking of flu and birds, the teacher said, "Willie, form a sentence using the word influenza." Willie: "A lady had a bird she called Inza that had escaped from its cage. She opened the cage door and in flew Inza." (Bet the above will make a lot of others sick).

Wilmet Pape is in Parkview Hospital and will welcome visits and messages of cheer from her friends.

Our sympathy to Paul Horvath, gap-setter, whose brother was burned last week, also to the Horvath family, especially, the mother.

The rumors are correct this time, yep. She definitely is Grandma now. Who? Oh, Bessie Twinning, 2nd shift Studs, Dept. E. Bessie says, "nope, don't feel a bit older." Congratulations, Bessie, ole gal. P. S. Granddaughter it is she claims.

Well it's another birthday. E, 2nd shift. This time on our Congratulations again in Dept. Stud line. Yep! It's lovely Ina Malone. Say, Ina, what do you mean when you say, "I'm started down hill." We don't get it Ina. But the gang wishes you a whole lot more "Sweet Sixteens."

Still another birthday in Dept. time. Sure enough we got a E, 2nd shift, only silliment this double barrel one for you this time. Betty Lewis was grandmother and celebrated her (?) birthday at the same time party was had and she received some beautiful gifts on her lunch hour. Congratulations Betty. Hope you have many more. It's a 7 pound 10 ounce grandson on March 3rd by the way.

This Weeks Local 12 Theatre Picture

Prizes donated last Saturday to youngsters attending the free movies at Local 12 Hall were donated by Plascon Unit, of Local 12. On the receiving end having the lucky ticket in front row are left to right, Robert Johnson, Dolores Kampas, Al Yeager, chairman of Plaskon Unit who awarded the prizes; Jeanne Klimach, usher, Janet McGayna, and Jim Bansen. In back row are Nora Hernandes and Fay Wright.

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

THERE has been quite a change in the policy of the company in regard to labor problems. They have given their word that they will abide by the contract and it looks like they really mean it by their sitting around the table in the last two weeks and working with the union to solve the problems of the Acklin workers. Let's hope that this policy will continue in the future.

The Open House held by the company Saturday was O.K. A lot of people got to know and see a lot about the Acklin. This was held to show the new addition to the plant. We are all waiting to see the new addition to the Buddies Box Lunch. We are assured by Mr. Smith that this will start soon and will be very modern.

The Co-Op made a good start with the Fair at Moose Hall. This is one sure way of the workers banding together for lower prices. Everyone should attend these fairs and see for themselves just what organized purchasing power can do for them. Let's hope we can get a Co-Op in our neighborhood.

Brother Al Doherty and his pal Dewey Asbury are sure active in the union. When one of the foreman was cutting up about three weeks ago it seems that they held a caucus and came up with the suggestion that the committee should make a nice whip for him so he could ride the range in cowboy fashion. (Nice going, boys).

Brother Gaume of the Die Shop had just about completed the list of the boys who are going to play in the Acklin Polish Cowboy Band. Anyone wishing to play, contact Gaume.

Spot News from the Different Departments

Timekeeper Chet has lost a very nifty calendar. Does anyone know what happened to it?

Brother Al Burns from the Die Shop is having a tough time with his hand. He has it back in a cast again. We are hoping to see him back to work soon.

It would help a lot if a few more people would put in a little more time in going to union meetings and help the union committee in the problems that confront the workers. It doesn't help if you stay home and then gripe because the meeting took some action of which you don't approve. If you attend the meetings at least you can state your opposition and vote the way you want to which is your Democratic right.

Lest We Forget

The girls of our shop always try to help in every way they can. The following girls helped build the Labor Day Parade Float which the Acklin Unit put in the parade and it won a prize. Helen Napolski, Helen Urbaniak, Anna Skolmolski, Tillie Popela, Mary Kadjaz, Mary Curtis and last but not least Ann's husband and son also Tillie's husband and son helped build the float.

Toledo Stamping Notes

Mary Iannaccone

IT IS with great respect and pleasure that I write about the Toledo Stamping and Mfg. Co. This company started as the Saxton Stamping Co., then Bingham Stamping Co., and finally as it is known today. The older employes will remember working at Bingham Stamping till the company built the present plant.

The company is to be congratulated on the fine record of service turned in to date by most of its employes. The majority started as press operators, die setters and truckers. Some have been promoted to different positions. During the last war they stayed right with the company and worked overtime when work piled up. They have been loyal and faithful.

Your reporter was greatly surprised that the company had not recognized their long years of service with a 15-year pin. The phone company issues such a pin. There are 20 employes with 15 years and 19 with 14 years or more of service.

The following have 15 years of service: Jerry Michalak, Ann Napierala, Ann Piorkowski, Frank Strzesinski, Joe Konieczka, Joe Kaczmarek, Tony Tucholski, Helen Pugh, Stella Janowiak, Marie Allen, Bennie Ball, Charles Ball, Barbara Kohler, Louis Kaminski, Chester Kaminski, Anna Rybka, John Karney, Irene Emerson, Felix Wichowski and John Osinski.

Miscellaneous News

We welcome Bill back, he has been our time checker for some time.

Somebody needed a windshield wiper badly. One was taken off a green Chevrolet coupe.

Erma wants to thank everyone for their kind sympathy in the loss of her teeth. She is able to smile again.

PRESS ROOM, FIRST SHIFT

We are sorry to hear of Harriett's illness and wish her a speedy recovery.

Martha and Max celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary March 7. Best wishes to you both.

Congratulations to Monte who celebrated his ? birthday March 10.

Eddie the inspector on men's side, is keeping banker's hours. He was seen coming in at 10 a. m.

Donna is tops in high score in bowling. She hit 218 in the last game on Wednesday.

Girls, the bowling teams go to Columbus, May 27.

Ray Tasker in charge of payroll and time, has returned to his desk after a long illness. Ray pays us all a visit every morning and has a smile and cheery word for everyone.

If you see Pete driving an Austin, you will know he wasn't able to make the turn in the alley with a Buick. Too bad, Pete!

Wonder what Jerry is going to do now that he has moved on Detroit avenue. He will not be able to ride with Butch and Monte.

Felix, how about lending Monte a pair of teeth instead of keeping them in your pants pocket?

Charles Gresham, the scrap remover, is a very quiet man. He has been with the company five years. He is married and has one child.

Buster Smith has been a press operator five years. He also is married and has one child.

Leo Henry has been a trucker for four years. He has a pleasant word and a smile for everyone. He is married.

Second Shift

Congratulation to our boss, Bob Curtis. He celebrated his 38th birthday March 11. They say life begins at 40, Bob. May you enjoy many more.

Genevie and Bob will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary St. Patrick's Day.

Second shift is very happy to have their old timekeeper back. Welcome back, Buddie.

Did you know we had twins in the press department, at least they dress alike anyway. How about it Dolores and Alice.

We are happy to have Lucille back after a long leave.

Just wonder how long it will take a certain fellow to know that the work the welders put in the barrels will burn your fingers if you try to pick them up barehanded. You think one would be enough but the third time. My, Oh, My!

Who is Pinnochio? We hear that name used so much.

Have you joined our Moron club? We have a lot of new members.

Third Shift

Congratulations to Olive Newgirt who celebrated her birthday March 11. Olive and Loma Carl are in a race to see which one gets a wheel chair first.

Unemployment High Among Radio Actors

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The unemployment rate was very much higher among radio actors than among the working population as a whole in the spring of 1948, according to a survey of radio artists in 15 major centers made by the Bureau of Labor Statictics, U. S. Department of Labor. BLS cooperated with the American Federation of Radio Artists in making the study.

The proportion of radio singers who were without work was high also, though smaller than the proportion of unemployed actors. Most announcers and sound effects men, however, were found to be regularly employed.

Study Of 15 Areas

The study includes 3,742 artists in 15 metropolitan areas—New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, Detroit, Seattle, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Portland, Oregon, Washington, D. C., Cleveland, Minneapolis, and Kansas City.

1 Out Of 4 Unemployed

The report states that about one out of every four radio actors in the survey was totally unemployed in a typical week in the spring of 1948—an unemployment rate eight or nine times as high as ths rate for all working people in the country.

Among radio singers, the unemployment rate was found to be four or five times as high as among the entire working population.

AFRA Study Shows Radio Acting Is No Way To Get Rich

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Don't expect to make a living by a career as a radio actor. That appears to be the moral of an employment study made public last week by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which collected the figures at the request of the American Federation of Radio Artists-AFL.

"Glamorized accounts of the careers of a few outstanding stars," don't tell the whole story, the BLS figures show. About one out of every four radio actors was totally unemployed in a typical week, an unemployment rate eight or nine times as high as for the country as a whole. Only one-fourth of the artists surveyed had earnings over $10,000 in 1947 and one-third earned under $2,000 during the year. Only half made over $3,400.

National *Supply Unit News*

Deak & Dock

OUR SHOP brass has proven it's kindergarden intelligence by another dumb move. Don't laugh! Assembly skill and efficiency is being broken down by shifting mechanics about to unfamiliar jobs, making roustabouts, or "jack of all trades and master of none," of each. School children know that mass production calls for specialized skill on each job, National brass hasn't progressed that far. When assembly production drops thru brass stupidity, who will be blamed? The workers of course.

We wonder if certain assembly foreman are making a practice of discrimination, ask the assemblers.

We hear, a certain foreman is collecting new dimes from his men for overtime privileges.

Art Wise takes pump test job away from Dick Morris to get the overtime. Art said he fought to keep from taking this job, and the only reason he took it, was because the boss threatened him with insubordination.

We wonder why Bob Matoon got another haircut this year, it could be love at first sight with this new job.

"Yes Sir, Mr. Michalak, I'll go on third trick for you, anything to oblidge," says Smokey Stephans.

Now since they closed the railroad parking lot. Where are we going to park? And while we're about it let's see if we can all, Park Our Cars without damaging anyone else's car.

We hear there's a shop office romance just started, wonder who they could be and wonder how it will come out. Bear with us and we'll keep you posted.

Have you heard about the Pyramid club? Art Cowell Dept. 53, can tell you all about it. We hear he got so enthused a few weeks ago, he left one of his riders stranded at the shop.

Now it can be told, every time the windows in Dept. 52, are opened, Lucky Childers Dept. 44, catches a cold, and every time Lucky catches a cold, he sneezes, and every time he sneezes, his uppers fly out. He is very much afraid they will bite someone. So Please, don't open those windows.

As we walked past the hospital last week, the odor that came hence, made us think a pickle factory had moved in. We may never find out what they were cooking, but we know it's the wrong time of the year to preserve pickles. Suppose the hospital help should be known as "the "pickle packing nurses."

Cory Winfery Dept. 54, thanks all the fellows in the shop who so generously gave their time and money to his mother in her recent bereavement. As you know his father, Bill Winfery, Dept. 104 passed away. He was a fine fellow and will be greatly missed.

Laci Salona was sent over to Dept. 54 to work, because his machine in Dept. 52 broke down. He thought Ken Grove was the foreman. But he found out different, so Ken didn't get a cigar.

Dewey Boice bowling with the foundry really got hot last Friday night, some stuff eh? Pappy Redman Dept. 53 also found the mark, by rolling a 595. Let's keep it up, Pappy.

There was a good turn out for the Golf League this week, keep up the good work all you duffers.

March, is the birth month of some of our greatest people, say's Oakley Hopkins, Dept. 52 who celebrates his birthday March 19. This son Terrence celebrated his first birthday the 16th.

What is Kenneth Welty trying to make out of his Dept., solitary confinement?

Gett'In Hot With Everhot

Swartzbaugh Unit

By MEL PHILLIPS

HERE'S more gossip from the Swartzbaugh's so-called "Gettin' Hot with Everhot": As follows—Flash!!

Monclova, Ohio, makes headlines every slippery morning. Jane Durfey's Aunt Martha is a nervous wreck by the time they get to work, but they make it. (Note: Jane drives.)

Watch out, girls! Red (Barclay) came in the other day, seeing twice as good. (Notice please specs.)

Buddies Box Lunch is back, they must have gotten wind of Sy's big sandwiches.

Stanley Iwinski must be working harder and wants the boss to take notice. He put a larger watt bulb in the light above his table.

Every morning after bowling, Lester gets Ethel F. black coffee early. What does bowling do to you, gal?

Since Marty P. is in the Main Plant, he has been wearing his Indo-China army boots. Can the girls in Dept. 40 be that bad?

Why the fancy plastic sleeves, Herb W.? Who is she? Surely can't be the glass wool.

Alice Davis is back at the Main Plant after a hard struggle at the Factories Building. Give us the lowdown, Alice.

Mrs. Florence Rocheck, who worked at Swartzbaugh in the years 1943 and 1944 as inspector, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ethel Ferguson.

Danny Kazmierczak's father passed away March 6, and extends his heartfelt thanks to the Welfare Unit, in sending flowers.

Who is the foreman who is carrying on an advertising campaign for his business to the employees?

What die setter stayed home the other day with a toothache, and had it taken care of by sending his son to the dentist with his plates?

Hurray! Hurray! Our men's bowling team set a new record last Tuesday. They both came through without a defeat. They didn't bowl on account of a tournament that was being held.

We wonder if some of the Big Wigs of Management realize how convenient it could be for them to keep up to date on the stock market once in a while. Working there we have a Wall St. tycoon who works in the die shop, that really is hep to the whats and whys of the market.

Ellis Craton's (millright) latest idea was to buy a new Pontiac, but when he reached home his better half settled that question! Now he's trying to make a new car out of his Chevy.

Cel Burdis, Mike S. (in charge) received one can of dynamite powder to vacate those so-called miniature animals, which parade around the repair and merchandise department.

Allen Kuhlne left for the South for the week-end, and will be back to tell us some of his short stories, and not a fish tale, either, Allen.

The forgotten man around Swartzbaugh is Chet Glowski. Chet still takes a great interest in Swartzbaugh and helps the committee out quite a bit. Chet did a fine job as chairman and is even doing a better job as an international representative. Our loss is Region 2-B's gain. Best of luck, Chet.

Swartzbaugh No. 2 in the Ladies League at the Bowl-O-Drome took two games from the Auto-Lite. Mary Assally led them with a fine 400. Guess it was Slim Graton who inspired them. A drink of Vino and anybody can throw a strike, eh, Slim?

Your reporter has been coming in for quite a bit of kidding lately, because he is always going around asking "What's new?" All we can say is that we got it from the leader of the Co-op. Eddie Duck — quack, quack! What's new?

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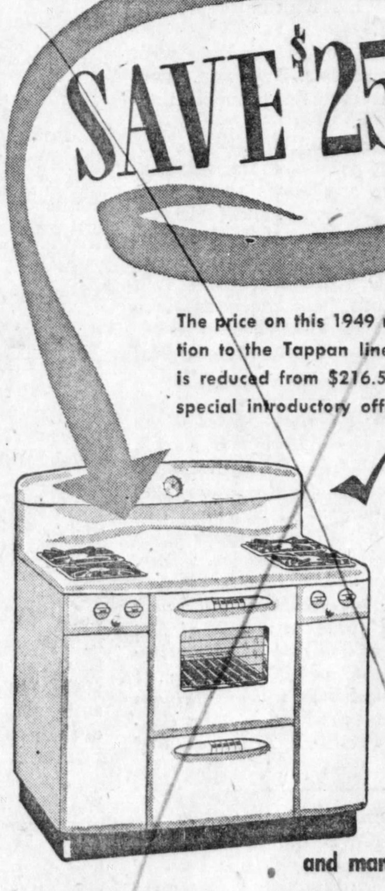

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FOR MORE THAN two weeks now, the Senate was stalled in its work by the filibuster of the Southern democrats. The sole purpose of this talkathon — and this is public knowledge — was to kill the President's Civil Rights Program. This, despite the fact that this issue was not a major plank in the platform of the Democratic party — hence a solemn pledge to the American people — but one of the major points stressed by President Truman in his campaign for the Presidency.

Even more hypocritical, more reprehensible — if that be possible — was the role of the Republican party in this fight. Headed by such people as Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, these Republicans joined hands with the Southern reactionaries and made their victory possible. This despite the fact that the Republican party—both in their platform and through speeches by their candidate for president — also pledged themselves to such a Civil Rights Law.

BUT TO ADD INSULT to injury, all this is not enough. The rent control bill is practically emasculated by the House. And once again this is done by the unholy alliance of Southern Democrats and a solid block of equally reactionary Northern Republicans. The Rent Control Bill, as passed by the Houes, is tantamount to the complete elimination of rent control.

INCREDIBLE AS ALL this may seem to the gullible citizenry of our great country, all this is but a beginning. Leaders of this unholy alliance have served notice on all of us that similar treatment awaits all the major proposals that are advocated by President Truman.. And this includes the repeal of the notorious Taft-Hartley Act, the Social Security Program, the Medical and Health proposals, the major Power Projects and everything else that tends to serve the interests of the common people.

OF COURSE, WE don't know what President Truman will do about this conspiracy against the people. But we do know that he ought to quit basking in the Florida sunshine and get down to business. The people backed him up once, because he went to the people, and he spoke the language of the people. Well, it's time for another similar session. He must fight. And fight just as vigorously as he did when he campaigned for the high office that he now holds. We are confident that the people will back him again and assure victory for the program they voted for on Nov. 2nd, last.

To do anything else is to betray the people.

As for us, now more than ever it is evident that we must deluge the members of the Congress with our letters, our telegrams and our personal calls and demand that they keep their promises to the American people.

This goes with double emphasis with respect to the Democrats. They won. Their victory is the result of the promises they made to the people.

But this goes for the Republicans, too. Not to all of them as some of these gentlemen never made any bones about their loyalty to Big Business . . . and their contempt for the common people. However, on issues like the Civil Rights Bill, Social Security, Rent Control, etc., we should mercilessly unmask these charlatans who promise all things to all men only to betray them and remain true to their real masters, Big Business.

(Editor's Note: Remaining loyal to the people who elected him, Thomas H. Burke, U.S. Representative from the 9th Congressional District, cast his vote against the so-called Rent Control Bill which was passed by the House a few days ago. "This bill as it now stands," declared Mr. Burke, "eliminates all control." The advocates of of the so-called 'local control bill know this as well as I do. As a matter of fact they passed this bill so that in effect they can eliminate rent control altogether. I only hope that the Senate will see through this farce and pass the kind of Rent Control Law that President Truman asked for.")

"Free Enterprise" in Reverse

NOTHING SHOWS the hypocrisy — bordering on out-right fraud — of certain political and industrial interests more than the much publicized fight to permit the sale of colored oleomargarine. The "butter boys" — representing the dairy industry—and their political henchmen are determined to bottle up the oleo bill which would permit the coloring of oleomargarine before that product is placed on sale to the general public. As it stands now, colored oleo is not only prohibited, but on top of it the product is heavily taxed to make its sale even more difficult.

We are told that last year approximately 900,000,000 pounds of oleo was manufactured and sold. Doubtless if these manufacturers were given the same treatment that the dairy industry receives—the elimination of excessive taxation and permission to color their product — the oleo industry would greatly expand. Such a step would also compel the "butter boys" to reduce their prices thus making their product available to many households that toady find their price prohibitive. In any event, in our opinion, the general public would benefit.

Our widely heralded "free enterprise system" to us means just what it says: the right of any industry—including the manufacturers of oleomargairne—to produce and market their products without hinderance of repressive legislation. This is clearly not the case with respect to the oleomargarine producers. This alone is sufficient reason for us to say that we are fed up with the hypocritical, utterly selfish and monopolistic attitude of those who oppose the oleo bill both in Columbus and Washington.

John L. Strikes Back . . .

WHATEVER REASONS reactionary anti-labor forces may attempt to ascribe to the action of John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, for ordering a two week shutdown in the coal pits of the nation, one ghastly fact is inescapable: some 55,000 miners were injured or killed in these same pits during 1948. Of the 55,000 "casualties", about 1,057 miners were killed in these accidents.

President Truman—or anyone else, for that matter—may argue about the efficiency or inefficiency of any government appointee. Senators and Congressmen may orate about the "motives" of John L. Lewis and demand "punative" action against him. But none of these people can give life back to the miners who have died because someone failed to provide proper safeguards for them in their hazardous occupation.

It is a shame—nay, a crime—that this hideous condition should be permitted to go on year after year. To our way of thinking, John L. Lewis and his Legion of Miners deserve every praise for taking such a bold measure to correct this frightful situation.

Tough Going . . .

DESPITE the very obvious, and in many cases desperate need for improved unemployment compensation in Ohio both Gov. Lausche and his party cohorts are taking their good old time about bringing these much needed improvements about. Latest reports tell us that the Administration sponsored bill will up the current unemployment compensation maximum benefit of $21 to $25 per week and at the same time extend the benefit period from 21 to 26 weeks. The proposed bill would also (1) specifically exclude strikers from any benefits; (2) provide a more liberal allowance for lake seamen; (3) provide benefits to workers who terminate their own employment for "good personal reasons" and "(4) allow traditional benefits of $2.50 for each dependent child up to two such dependents. Of course, if a worker happens to have more than two dependent children he is just out of luck.

It is true that this proposed bill is an improvement over the present statute. But every sane person knows that even the provisions of the new bill is far from adequate. Especially in times of acute economic stress. Right now there are scores of thousands of unemployed in Ohio. These workers are sadly in need of help. Much more help than even this new law will provide.

It seems to us that if Gov. Lausche and the General Assembly were honestly concerned with the welfare of our needy unemployed, they should have adopted the bill proposed by Lucas County Repersentatives Damas, King and Neipp which calls for a weekly benefit of $32.00, plus $3.00 per dependent for 52 weeks.

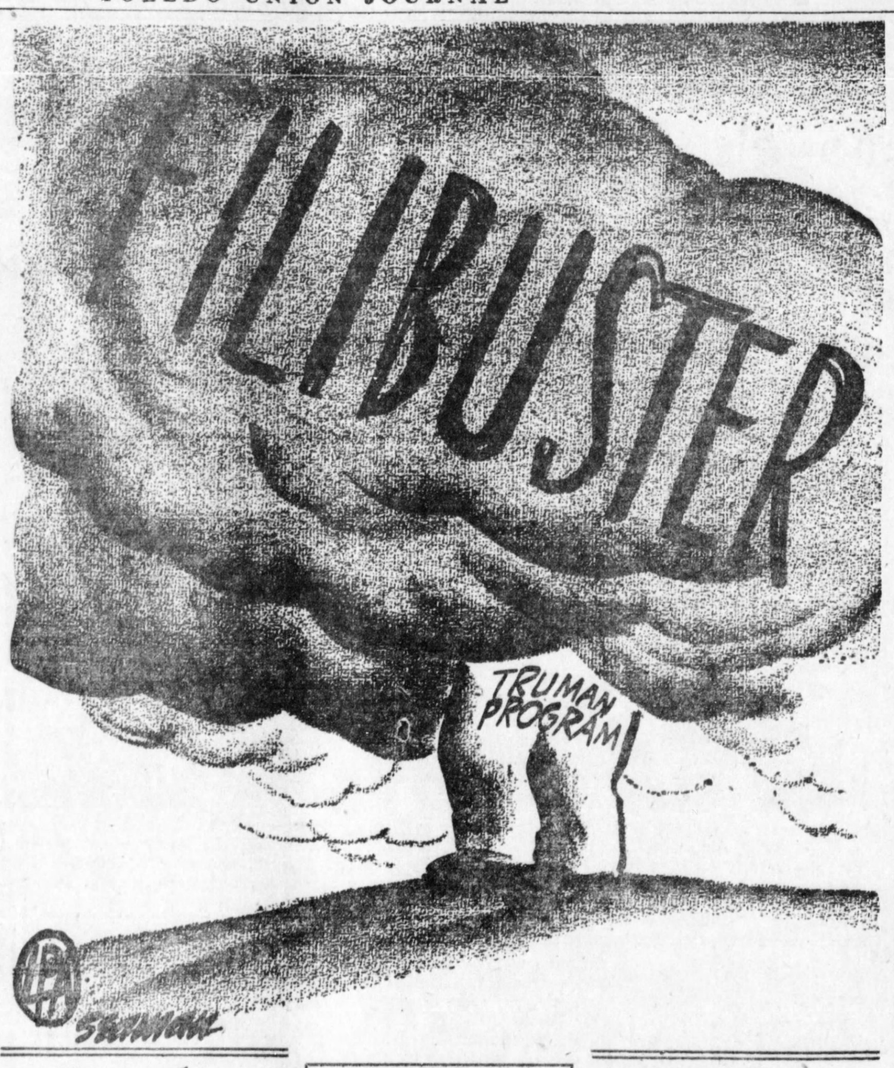
CIO Warns of Crash . . .

TOP CIO OFFICIALS last week warned the people of America that unless (1) workers were given a "substantial" wage increase, and; (2) corporation profits were reduced, and; (3)workers were given an expanded security program a "serious depression . . . is almost certain to develope."

The CIO has good reasons to sound this warning. Already over 3.5 million workers are jobless in the nation. Additional lay-offs are expected, particularly in the light consumer industries (clothing, furniture, electrical appliances, radio, etc.) with even the heretofore untouchable automobile industry expressing anxiety over the disappearance of the lush "sellers market".

But despite these unhealthy signs, corporation profits are higher today than ever before. National City Bank of New York reports that 1948 profits were 20% higher than in 1947. "The high rate of profit," declares the CIO, "is throwing the economy out of kilter.

Certainly this is one time we don't want to be in a position of "we told you so", but we are dead certain that unless the powers-that-be heed the warning of CIO an economic collapse of catastrophic dimensions the like of which the world has never before seen is absolutely inevitable.



Inside America

(Written By the Staff Of The CIO News)

BIG business is engaged in its most spectacular campaign to prove that Abe Lincoln was wrong—"That you can fool all the people all the time."

A mighty propaganda drive is under way to convince Congress that support for the Taft-Hartley Act is universal —among workers, among businessmen, among farmers, among housewives and professional people.

Device being used is the "loaded questionnaire." It lists 15 or 18 or 20 questions about labor-management relations; and the questions are so worded that they can produce only the answers big business wants. Hundreds of these "answered" questionnaires have been pouring into Congressional offices.

The phoney questionnaires —with their loaded questions about labor-management relations—have been circulated by GE, by Revere Copper and Brass, by radio commentator Fulton Lewis. They've been distributed by foremen in factories, in offices, among businessmen and Chambers of Commerce.

Actually there's evidence that all the questionnaires were prepared by a Washington public relations firm closely linked to the National Association of Manufacturers.

The evidence is backed up by NAM's relative quiet on the T-H issue. NAM—in contrast to its campaign to get Taft-Hartley passed—has been buying no newspaper or radio time. Apparently the big business agency is relying on the "grass roots" pressure campaign.

Reports from many factories tell of pressure moves to get workers to fill out the questionnaires, or to send letters to Congressmen in support of T-H.

One steel fabricating plant in the south posted sample letters on bulletin boards, even offered to provide help from foremen in composing the letters to Congress!

Sometimes the pressure campaigns go sour on management sponsors. Textile Union reports that at Rock River Woolen Mills at Jamesville, Wis., company called in all union shop stewards, asked them to circulate pro-Taft-Hartley questionnaires. Stewards refused to do the job, so foremen were drafted to circulate the questions.

But workers mailed the questionnaires to the company, instead of to Congress — and report has it that many of the answers weren't printable in a family newspaper!

As CIO Secretary-Treasurer Jim Carey pointed out in recent radio broadcast, "there are mighty few fools among the members of the CIO—or of the AFL, or the other unions of this country.

"These millions of union members all have eyes and ears and brains—and common sense. They don't believe the steady drum of propaganda in behalf of the Taft-Hartley Act. They know the Taft-Hartley Act has weakened their unions. That law has cost them money from their pay envelopes—at a time when profits are the highest in all of our history."

Women's News And Views

By Odessa Overy
Secretary Women's Bureau
Region 2-B

THE WOMEN of the Local 12 Sumer Camp Guild put on their first function of the season with a St. Patrick's day dance. The dance was held at the Toledo Industrial Union Council ballroom, March 12.

The dance was a lovely success. With Betty Haugh, acting as chairlady of arrangements assisted by Jennie DeLaney, Jean Vogelbach, and Celia Kubacki and myself. The hall was decorated with an arraiment of crepe paper and irish pipes and shamrocks. Pictures of the summer camp were displayed all around the hall. There were numerous door prizes which they raffled off, with the chances going like hot cakes. Swartzbaugh Mfg., donated a roasterette, DeVilbiss Co., donated two atomizers, and a nose and throat spray outfit, with the rest of the prizes donated by members of the committee. All of the proceeds are to go to the summer camp.

The Local 12 choral Society put on a hour and half program for the children of the Lucas County Children's Home last Sunday afternoon from six thirty until eight o'clock. The children were so tickled to have some entertainment besides their regular routine, that it was pleasure enough just to see their faces light up. Some of them were so delighted that one could just pick them up and hug them. Mrs. Davies our directress also had a sophmore from Waite high school along that played the trumpet, and when this boy was playing, even the little tots were spellbound.

They were all sitting on their chairs with their legs crossed in front of them, and not even an eye blinked, they were so intent. It sure was a pleasure to see that we can do something for the happiness of other peoples children as well as for our own. One never knows what some of the other children don't have, that ours do, until you see the delight in these forsaken little ones. When you see something like this, you want to help to make the Local 12 summer camp a great success. So I think that this will be a good inspiration to join the women's guild, to some of the choral group to help to promote funds so that the summer camp will be able to open this summer. If funds are'nt raised, the summer camp won't be able to open this summer. So all of the girls that volunteered on the organization committee, please get out there and start pitching. We need a lot of money to run the camp. You know as well as anybody does that children must eat, and it takes a lot of dough to buy this food that is nourishing and wholesame for these youngters.

The local 12 summer camp guild is opened to everybody wishing to promote the well-being of the children of Toledo. It is a good wholesome vacation that the kiddies receive at a well supervised camp, such as our Local 12 summer camp.

That builds good strong minds and bodies, as well as the proper training and discipline that a well kept camp provides for them. Not only does it do all of this, but it also provides care for the children while the parents have a short rest, as well as a well deserved rest. So all of you good women, lets go and get on the ball and see what we can do for our kiddies.

Readers Comments

To the Editor:

It's a laugh friends how things have a habit of backing up in some people's laps. It seems that about a half dozen people are running around town screaming at the top of their voices that Dick Gosser don't speak for the CIO in Toledo (which he was elected to do) because they didn't vote for him. Following all of this screaming on their part they proclaim, in the anti-union daily press, that they speak for 10,000 CIO members.

Using their own formula (Gosser don't speak for them because they didn't vote for him) they don't speak for 10,000 members. No, not even 5,000 members, nor 4,000 either. John Begg received 2,800 votes in the Auto-Lite election, Ditzel received a bare 1,000 in the Local 14 election; So it looks like these sterling leaders of labor only speak for 3,800 people less than 5% of the CIO members affiliated with the T.I.U.C.

I think its time that the membership of CIO in Toledo wakes up to the fact that these people who run around popping-off in the anti-labor press are just a bunch of NAM fools who are lending a hand in the manufacturers fight against organized labor. I think last weeks editorial in the Union Journal was to the point. When we had to hit the bricks to make management recognize our demands we knew where the Toledo Blade and the Toledo Times stood and who they supported (it wasn't us). I wish the fool who is passing the literature around trying to tell the peole that the Blade and Times has been kind to organized labor and its leaders would quit trying to kid people. It seems that the guy whoever he is only has a one word vocabulary. In every one of his stinking leaflets he uses the word "jerk" at least a dozen times. He should sign his stuff A. JERK.

A little over a week ago a friend of mine from the chevvy plant showed me a leaflet that said "we should wash our dirty linen in the union halls" and it had Ditzel's name typed on the bottom, I assume he agreed to it, and lo and behold the Sunday Blade came out with a big article about Ditzel wanting an Administrator over T.I.U.C. The Sunday Blade said the Administrator deal had been cooken up in the Willard Hotel. When may I ask, did the Willard Hotel attain the status of a Union Hall? As an old member of UAW-CIO, I joined in 34, I resent it when crack-pots like Begg, Ditzel, Meilink and Russell, who have never done anything to advance the labor movement in Toledo, make silly charges against International Officers but dont have the Intestinal Fortitude to prefer charges according to the International Constitution.

Fraternally,
Arnold Boothby

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Vice President
International UAW-CIO

THIS is not a criticism of particular individuals, but many of you will have to admit that the shoe fits.

There is room for improvement in the type of job being done in representing the workers. No one is perfect, but this article doesn't concern perfection. It concerns mainly those union representatives who evidently believe their job consists of only two duties: settling grievances in the plant, and negotiating a few contract changes and wage demands every year.

The duties and responsibilities of a shop steward, executive committeeman, local union officer, and international representative are each different in certain respects. But in many ways they are alike, and it is in these ways that neglect is being shown.

Every person who is elected or appointed to a union office has the responsibility of serving as a shepherd to those he or she represents. How anyone can even dream they are doing a good job when they ignore every meeting but thir own monthly shop membership meeting is difficult to understand. When there are rank and file members who read the union newspapers and literature that's available, it seems strange that so many committeemen and stewards ignore this form of education.

It isn't that these people know everything there is to know. Things move too fast for anyone to be well posted without spending time studying whenever they can. No one, including the top officers of your union, can say he is above learning.

THE time has arrived when the union representative must recognize his obligation to those he represents on a twenty-four hour basis. This doesn't mean that a committeeman should be awakened in the middle of the night to talk about a grievance, but it does mean that he must interest himself in such things as FEPC legislation, the consumer cooperative program, the drive to defeat Senator Taft in 1950, and various other parts of the overall union program.

The answer is not in believing that because "patterns" have set the stage for wage increases and other benefits, we can just sit back and "let George do it." Unless and until our membership is educated in the need for pensions, in consumer problems the union's insurance program, the relationship between wages, profits, and prices, and the plan for 40 hours pay for 30 hours work, our program will not become a reality.

This education — the most important phase of union activity today — must come to the membership through the shop stewards and committeemen. How, may I ask, can this be done unless these union representatives first avail themselves of this education?

More often than is known, the teacher is just a step ahead of the pupil. But he IS one step ahead, and that's what counts. Committeemen and stewards will inspire others to become interested in various phases of union activity only if they, themselves, become interested.

NONE of us, as stated previously, is perfect. But the way to perfection is through improvement. The way to improvement is through education. A vigorous campaign of union education will assure the membership of many dividends.

One parting thought. If once each year there were a two-week period when all union contracts were set aside and managements permitted to set their own wage, hour, and working condition policies for their workers, it would serve as a reminder to everyone that the union is a pretty important thing, that it doesn't exist just to serve as something to argue about, and that shop conditions are realy more important than shop elections.

Of course, we wouldn't want this two-week moratorium to occur. But we can gain much from just closing our eyes for a moment and imagining what WOULD happen.

THAT would be an education in itself. Let's take our education the easy way. Most shop elections are over by now. Let's all join hands in promoting a real, constructive program of education, one that will encompass all the necessary points of welfare to our people.

What's New?

By Edward J. Duck
Journal Columnist

AN ARTICLE appeared in the Journal a few weeks ago, written by Wendell Whaley, Spicer unit Co-Op Committee chairman, quoting a few excerpts from the Consumers Union buying guide. Ever since, the Co-Op office has been receiving a lot of queries as to how people can get a copy.

Well, for three and a half dollars you can get the monthly publication of Consumer Reports, plus the annual buying guide which rates just about everything there is that consumers would care to know about. It seems to a lot of us that union stewards and committeemen should be interested in this even more than the average person. If there's anything more important to the workingman than how much money he makes, it is the question of how far that money will go when he's spending it.

The Consumers Union buying guide gives you some really hot dope. It's packed full — 320 pages worth — of facts and figures, debunking the fraudulent advertisements of many a big-name product. For instance, a few of its straight-from-the-shoulder, right-between-the-eyes statements are as follows:

"Hair dressings have but one function; to hold the hair in place. They cannot perform other miracles often ascribed to them in advertising. To be successful, they should be easy to apply and spread, and they should not make the hair feel too tacky or greasy after application." It goes on to say that actually NONE can prevent or cure baldness or dandruff.

"No vaccines are known which will either prevent or modify the common cold"... "Most so-called cold remedies are worthless; some are injurious and a few are actually dangerous."

IN TESTING sunburn preventatives, Consumers Union found that of 49 commercial brands 5 gave excellent protection, 13 gave good protection, and 31 gave so little protection that they were rated "Not Acceptable." (The best preventive is good judgment in not roasting yourself too much at one time, it stated in so many words.)

If you have a satisfactory radio receiver, the cheapest way to get FM programs is by attaching an FM tuner to your set; you don't need a new radio at all

"The terms "permanent" or "lifetime," often applied to long-playing phonograph needles are grossly misleading. They all wear down sooner or later, to a point where they damage records or give poor reproduction, or both."

These are examples of what is found in the Consumers Union buying guide. We cannot attempt to reprint the entire catalog, but these items should be sufficient to show the reader what value there is in it.

Together with the promotion of consumer-owned cooperatives by our unions, we should have a separate department set up internationally, known as the Consumers Department. We argue like blazes for a couple of extra dollars in our paycheck, but we hand the money across the counter without sufficient knowledge of what we're getting for it. It seems to me that this is like trying to carry water in a sieve. It just doesn't work.

THE BEST value we can find today is in this buying guide and issues of the Consumer Reports for $3.50 annually. The price is $3.50, however, when subscriptions are forwarded in groups. Anyone wishing to subscribe can do so by stopping at the Co-Op office, 805 Adams Street, and in this way receiving the special price.

Now, the Co-Op itself. Homer Hylton, of Toledo Scale, wrote a very fine article, a reprint of which appears in the Journal this week. If you will read this you'll know what needs to be done to assure us of a chain of shopping centers. Get interested in the Co-Op. It is your business, and it will pay huge dividends to yourself and your family.

In Our Opinion

by HOWARD REDIGER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of T.U.C.

CONGRESS is fighting over the extention of rent control. The well organized real estate lobby is pushing their case to the limit and would like to have all rent control lifted.

There is an angle to rent control that so far has received scant discussion or attention. How will it's defeat affect wage demands? Renters, as a rule, are mostly workers — workers in factories and stores; the little guy who draws a pay check around $50 per week.

Many of our organized workers have been hoodwinked, in the last several weeks, on the cost of living. They have been affected very little by price decline. The pay check does not stretch much further than it ever did and there had to be an excellent stretching to barely cover expenses.

Price decline, as of now, is mostly newspaper talk. It is a sly way of heading off another wage increase demand that is badly needed by the average worker. It is not comforting to find some workers doubting the need for a fourth round of wage increases. Some workers are looking too strongly at newspaper reports and not strongly enough at their expenses.

If rent control is lost, or a weak bill is passed in Congress, so that the law can be easily circumvented, rents will go up with a bound, Multitudes of Toledo workers will be hurt. If rent does go up, many now who think the cost of living has declined, will have a different opinion. In the absence of effective rent control it is highly possible some rent may double.

The average worker cannot afford to pay more rent. His wages have never been, especially, during this inflation flurry, in proper relation to prices. He is refused decent housing at a decent price on one side and threatened with a rent increase on the other. The culprit in both instances is the same — the real estate lobbies, both nationally and in the state.

There are instances of landlords taking a beating under the present rent control law but continuance of the law tips the scale heavily in favor of the renter.

The real estate lobby at times acts pretty nasty and bold. They hold the worker in disdain and scorn. The Ohio CIO Council "Legislative News Letter" quotes a typical real estate lobbyist statement while discussing housing: "I've seen real happy families living in mud huts. Why do we have to be so altruistic and put these people in homes of quality they never hoped to reach?" This is their attitude, in many instances, on public housing and slum clearance. How could one exepct an understanding attitude on the part of real estate lobbies on the question of rent control.

I, too, have seen many happy pepole, not necessarily in mud huts, but in circumstances less fortunate than the average. But their happiness came from within and not from without.

It is necessary that none of us be misled on the so-called "cost of living decline." Where would you go if you had your rent increased substantially?

F.E.P.C. And You

You Can't Buy Brotherhood ...In A Bargain Basement

A CHAIN is as strong as it's weakest link and a union as strong as it's weakest member.

You can't buy brotherhood in a bargain basement. You can't talk men into brotherhood with ballyhoo, if the material conditions of their lives breed insecurity, frustration, hostility and fear. The price of brotherhood is the creation of a society of abundance and freedom for all, in which only the peddlers of bigotry will be unemployed.

On the other hand, when the CIO demands higher wages without higher prices, a permanent FEPC, a national low-cost housing program, a national health and social security program, when labor demands these it is demanding brotherhood, because only through solidarity can these objectives be won and held.

Realizing that the task is two-fold—the problem of creating the material foundations of brotherhood being insoluble unless men can achieve solidarity for the purpose of reaching their economic and social goals—the UAW-CIO has resolved to wage the two-front fight. We fight for fair employment at the same time that we fight for full employment. We have established a Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department in our union, because we know that it is senseless to hope for a greater measure of cooperation and social justice in society at large if we cannot put our own house and our own industry in order.

The UAW Fair Practices Department was established out of the same conviction that led to the birth of the union itself: the conviction that democracy will die if it must feed on words alone. The leaders of American industry have too often been long on words about the free way of life, short on performance designed to make economic democracy a reality in the everyday lives of working men and women. About 1936 the auto workers, the steel workers, the rubber workers, and the electrical workers and others matched the words against the performance and found something missing. They supplied that missing element: organization, solidarity to those who toil in pursuit of common goals.

Determined To Pay Price

We must have the same practical action against discrimination and bigotry. There can be no real brotherhood in a society dedicated to the proposition that the selfish pursuit of private ends can solve our common problem. We can't get brotherhood just by setting aside a week or a century to talk about it. We can't get brotherhood by looking around for it as if we'd lost a cuff-link. We have to build the kind of society in which men cooperate naturally, and not merely because they regard "tolerance" as their good deed for the day.

We could get brotherhood without making a single speech by taking those specific actions that cry out to be taken. Does a veteran need a house? Does a Negro need a job? Does a Jew need refuge? Build the house, provide the job, offer the refuge.

Instead of verbal celebration of the American way of life, let's make a budget of our national needs in terms of homes, jobs, health, social security, education—and of our failure to meet those needs by practical achievement. Then let's balance the budget by satisfying those needs.

We in the UAW-CIO are learning that we have to work at brotherhood as we worked at building the union. We are learning, what is more, that a union IS brotherhood, that all the nickel increases in a hundred years of collective bargaining cannot save labor if workers are divided by prejudice and intolerance. We are dedicating ourselves to the two-front fight, summed up in the principle: full employment, fair employment.

Walter P. Reuther
President, UAW-CIO

Women's Pay Still Lags

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor Dep't figures for 1947 announced last week offered some interesting facts for the feminine population. Median income for men with money incomes from any source was $2,230; for women, $1,017. Half the women and a fifth of men received less than $1,000 during the year, while 30% of the stronger sex and only 5% of ladies received over $3,000.

Puerta Ricans Strike Mills

SAN JUAN, P. R. (LPA)—Thirty two out of 35 sugar mills were closed last week as a result of a strike of 130,000 field and factory workers here. Seeking a 50c-an-hour minimum wage for field labor and 75c for factory workers, the unions involved called out their members after the Sugar Producers' Ass'n offered a half-cent-an-hour increase for skilled labor and none for field hands. To union demands of $1,000 individual insurance with premiums paid by the company management offered $500.

Plane Stewards Win Pay Hike

CHICAGO (LPA) — Pay increases of 6.07% for domestic runs and 13.6% for overseas flights were won last week by the Airline Stewards & Stewardesses Association—AFL in an agreement with Chicago & Southern Air Lines. Improvements in vacations, meal allowances and hours were also mediated in the first renewel of basic contract between the company and the union, ASSA announced.

Food For Thought

By Homer L. Hylton
of Toledo Scale Unit

Dear Consumer and
Fellow Worker:

DID YOU fail to attend the recent CO-OP Fair sponsored by the Toledo Consumers' Co-operatives, Inc.? If you did, the blame can hardly be placed on those persons who gave much thought, time and effort to its conception and operation. The Fair held in the Moose Building provided an unusual opportunity to acquaint the public with CO-OP high quality goods at favorable price and to convey the idea behind the Consumers' Co-operative Movement. Some came to sneer but remained to cheer.

The question has been asked if future CO-OP fairs are in the plans. The goal, now, is the opening of a retail warehouse type CO-OP super-market with a gas station selling CO-OP labeled auto products as an adjunct. Two thousand members are needed for the first store. Membership is open to everyone and requires the purchase of one share of Class "A" Common Stock at twenty-five dollars. Such membership entitles each member to one vote, the right to hold office, provides capital to stock the store, and makes each member an equal partner in the business.

To say the CO-OP idea is good is not enough. Concerted action is vitally important. One of the surest ways of not successfully launching this enterprise is to wait for the other fellow to do it. There will always be those people ready and willing to claim the rewards made possible by the work and money of others.

You think the CO-OP idea is good, but might say you do not have twenty-five dollars for a membership. However, somehow we've managed to get the cach to pay for every profit-taking store in Toledo but own no part of them, nor do we have a voice in their control. The CO-OP offers a means to correct this undemocratic and economically unsound situation. Join the CO-OP and get the things you need at cost by eliminating the profit. Can we get ahead when the general increases in the prices of the things we buy overbalances the increases we receive in the pay envelope? The answer is an emphatic NO! On the economic front we've organized Labor Unions and Credit Unions in an effort to raise our economic level. Let's be consistent and lenghten our battle lines by organizing our buying power. Let's be done with the constant gripping about the high cost of living, and in a democratic fashion, do something about it. We can if we have the will to do it. The Chamber of Commerce will not do the job for us.

Over one hundred years ago the poverty-stricken Rochdale weavers had the vision and temerity to come up with a set of rules for an entirely new method of doing business the Co-operative way. They were simple rules, but they laid history. The word "revolutionary" in the preceding sentence does not connote the violent overthrow of the government. Consumer's Co-operatives were not hatched behind the walls of the Kremlin.

If you would like to know more about CO-OPS, ask someone who knows, read CO-OP pamphlets. Books on the subject are available in the public libraries. Drop in at the CO-OP Center, 805 Adams St., phone FA 5181, or better still JOIN NOW.

Frank Johnson,
Tool Rm.—Chairman
Art Baker, Enamel
Tim Hartigan, Gen'l Machine
John Smith, Stock Room
Homer L. Hylton, Methods
Herbert Davis, Spec. Mach.

Credit Unions Help In Many Ways

Did you know that Wilbur Richards, of the Toledo Scale unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO is the leading credit union organizer in the United States according to records of the past year?

If your plant hasn't established a credit union yet, why not? Drop Wilbur a postcard, at the Co-Op Center, 805 Adams Street, and he will be glad to come to your union meeting and explain how easy it is to have one in your shop.

There's no excuse for subjecting the union membership and even the non-union people in your plant to the practices of the finance companies. The credit union is the democratic way of operating a people's bank, where those who need money may borrow it without paying high interest rates. If you just invest without borrowing, then you're money ahead, because the credit union pays dividends on money invested.

Most of the larger shops already have had credit unions in operation, and they have saved the workers huge sums of money. Put a credit union in your plant. It's good for you!

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Stunt Man Lives To Become Actor

HOLLYWOOD.—Movie producers who have been using handsome young Jacques O'Mahoney as a stunt man must find someone else from now on. Jacques has become an actor.

First, Columbia used him for a speaking role in "The Great Manhunt," in which his work so impressed Armand Schaefer, president of Gene Autry Production, and Autry, that they promptly signed him for "Rim of the Canyon," Autry's next Columbia starrer.

O'Mahoney, former college athletic hero, will have a heavy lead in "Rim of the Canyon, and with Autry behind him, is off to a fine start in his new career.

Property Men Now Are Making Trees

HOLLYWOOD—A new type of tree for jungle pictures is about to save Hollywood a lot of money.

The tree is made of Osnaburg cloth similar to that used by the camouflage divisions of the Armed Services during the war, and is dipped in laminak to make it rigid. Thus a hollow trunk can eb built, 40 feet high and eight feet in diameter, but with the actual outer shell no thicker than a man's finger.

The first trees of this type will be seen in producer-director Albert S. Rogell's Columbia picture, "Song of India."

Mitchell to Star In Broadway Play

HOLLYWOOD — Thomas Mitchell, following the rave notices he has received as a result of his performance in Paramount's "Alias Nick Beal," has just been signed to star in a new Broadway play by Dalton Trumbo, "The Emerald Staircase."

Actor's Face Like Orson, Pay Is Not

HOLLYWOOD—Barry Kroeger is becoming accustomed to being mistaken for Orson Welles, and he wishes he had the other man's luck.

Kroeger, who plays a gangster in Columbia's psychological thriller, "The Dark Past," with William Holden, Nina Foch and Lee J. Cobb, bears a marked resemblance to Welles, and is frequently mistaken for him by fans.

"But I'm only a single-theat man," laments Kroeger, "I only act. Welles, who, writes, acts, produces and directs, is a lucky guy—he gets a four-way paycheck.

Dog With Measles Upsets Film Crew

HOLLYWOOD—It was just a spotted dog, slipping into a studio and coming onto a set where they were making a Columbia picture, "Rusty Saves a Life." But it couldn't have caused more hullabaloo if it had been an atom bomb.

The reason was simple. The "Rusty" of the picture is a dog, a German shepherd. He was due to come out before the camera at the moment the spotted dog came out. And just the day before one of the boys in the company hod come down with the measles.

"Oh, no—not Rusty, too!", wailed director Seymour Friedman.

Showing that you canget awfully keyed up when you are making a picture.

Flynn Commutes To Work By 'Copter

HOLLYWOOD — Hopping to work — by helicopter—enabled Errol Flynn to report on time during California's unprecedented snows.

The star, snowbound at his Mulholland Drive home, high above Hollywood, flew by chartered 'copter to Culver City. He landed on one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's outdoor sets, where he is starring with Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon and Robert Young in the Technicolor, "The Forsyte Saga."

Roads, blocked by snow, prevented travel. One car had already crashed on the road a few yards from Flynn's home. The star plans continuing his aerial commuting, leaving from his own front lawn. The trip by helicopter takes only seven minutes.

"Jolson" Furnishes Wardrobe Headache

HOLLYWOOD — In Columbia's "Jolson Sings Again," Larry Parks has forty-five changes of costume and William Demarest has thirty-five.

The two actors had even more changes in the first Jolson picture, "The Jolson Story."

The first picture covered a larger span of years in Jolson's life.

Strangely enough, Ludwig Donath, as Jolson's father, is unaffected by this tremendous turnover of clothes, because in his role as the kindly old Cantor, the proper dress is always a black suit and a black fedora.

Full Of Ginger

GINGER ROGERS is reunited with her favorite dancing partner, Fred Astaire, in M-G-M's new Technicolor musical, "Barkleys of Broadway." The famous team of nine previous musicals is resumed with this gay, romantic story highlighted by six singing and dancing numbers between the co-stars.

Many Newcomers Hit Movie Jackpot With Initial Film

HOLLYWOOD — This isn't intended as an invitation for every movie-struck kid to hop the first train for Hollywood. However, we're about to shatter another movie myth.

You've heard the talk about the long pull to stardom, the tough uphill fight for fame and fortune.

Well, to a great degree that is simply idle chatter, and a perusal of studio talent lists does little to substantiate it. In Hollywood the Cinderella story is an oft-told tale. It usually doesn't take too long for movie moguls to decide whether a person is star material or not.

Veronica Lake is a prime example. After one or two false starts under another name, the peekaboo beauty was signed by Paramount in 1940. She was given a secondary star role in her first film, "I Wanted Wings" and she's sustained that starring status ever since.

Joan Caulfield was starred in her initial picture, too. But prior to making "Miss Susie Slagle's" Joan had already made her mark on Broadway. So had John Lund, who made the marquee in his film debut, "To Each His Own."

On the other hand, some stars have come up the hard way, via low budget epics or small roles. Audrey Totter made eight films her first year in Hollywood. But by the time she'd completed the eighth, "Lady in the Lake," she was a star. She recently completed her top role to date, a co-starring part with Ray Milland in Paramount's "Alias Nick Beal."

It took petite Wanda Hendrix five films to achieve stardom, but you could scarcely term this a prolonged struggle for success. She celebrated her 20th birthday while making "Now and Forever."

Sonny Tufts was given star billing in his second film. His role as Kansas in "So Proudly We Hail" brought him immediately public sympathy, and he was starred in his next picture. Larry Parks owes his stardom to "The Jolson Story," though he did make a few films prior to that.

These are the stories we like to cite. These are the people possessed of starring potential in the opinion of the producers. These are the successes.

These are the minority, too. For every success there have been a thousand failures, a thousand anonymous individuals whose bid for fame was rejected. That's why this yarn should not be construed as a blanket invite to come pitch your tent at Sunset and Vine.

It's a long way back home again.

Film Test Duo Meet On Set

HOLLYWOOD — When Willard Parker was tested for films in New York some years back, Janis Carter, who is playing with Willard now in Columbia's "Slightly French," was asked by a mutual friend of hers and Willard's if she would take the test with him—for laffs. Janis took the test with him. She was hired, and he wasn't. But it's all right. He got a job later.

Whelan Given Top Role In "Dear Wife"

HOLLYWOOD — Arleen was signed by Paramount recently for the important role of Whelan, titian-haired beauty, "Tommy Murphy" in "Dear Wife." Again she will portray the "other woman," a role she has played so well in the past and always has preferred to romantic leads.

Miss Whelan in "Dear Wife" plays the role of a likeable civic-minded girl who comes between William Holden and Joan Caulfield, as a young married couple in the film which continues the amusing adventures of the characters in "Dear Ruth."

Edward Arnold, Billy De Wolfe and Mona Freeman also have important roles in "Dear Wife." Richard Hayden directs.

Claude Rains Signed For "Rope Of Sand"

HOLLYWOOD—Claude Rains has been signed for a top role with Burt Lancaster, Corinne Valvet and Peter Lorre in the Hal Wallis production, "Rope of Sand," to be directed by William Dieterle at Paramount.

Currently in New York and due here within two weesk, Rains will play the role of Martingale, general manager of a South African diamond combine, in this intrigue-laden adventure film.

His most recent Hollywood role was in Paramount's "Sin of Abby Hunt," heading the cast with Wanda Hendrix and MacDonald Carey. Following this he went abroad and for the past few months has been with his family on their Pennsylvania farm.

PALLADIUM BOUND

HOLLYWOOD — Kathryn Grayson and Johnnie Johnston have reservations on the Queen Mary for March 31, bound for London and their engagement at the Palladium.

The two singers plan a repertoire of ten songs including classical, semi-classical and popular tunes. During their absence abroad, Miss Grayson's mother, Mrs. Charles E. Hedrick, will move into their home to care for their three-months-old daughter Patricia Kathryn.

QUICKIES

HOLLYWOOD — Academy award nominee Barbara Stanwyck is assured of at least one "Oscar" for her performance in "Sorry, Wrong Number." Since the Cairo opening last month of the Hal Wallis suspense melodrama the two leading Egyptian entertainment magazines (Etnein and Kawab) have voted her their annual palm award for the best dramatic performance by an actress. Barbara was notified of the new honor by cable from Cairo at Paramount where she is currently co-starring with Wendell Corey in "Thelma Jordon."

Four years ago last September, Betty Hutton and Ted Briskin honeymooned in Florida and recently they revealed plans for their first return to Miami Beach since their marriage. They originally had planned a two-week vacation in Honolulu immediately following completion of Betty's starring role in Paramount's "Red Hot and Blue," but changed their minds in favor of the Florida trip.

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Alan Ladd's horse-breeding business will start paying dividents this spring when Your Call and Haystack, the first fillies foaled on his Hidden Valley ranch, make their racing debut at Hollywood Park. Both are now two-year-olds. Ladd's stable now totals 19 and two more colts will be born this month, he said recently on the set of Paramount's "After Midnight." He started the ranch with two horses four years ago, has since purchased several promising thoroughbreds in addition to those which have been foaled at the place. . . Fraklyn Farnum, Kathleen Key and Chester Conklin, silent day screen stars, have been given roles in Hal Wallis' "My Friend Irma" at Paramount.

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Ward Bond, one of Hollywood's busiest actors, has been cast for an important role in Frank Capra's Paramount production, "Riding High," starring Bing Crosby with Coleen Gray. The husky performer will give a tough guy portrayal as the "muscle man" for a bambling boss in the romantic comedy laid against a racetrack background.

Lizabeth Scott's younger brother, John—he's 22 and a civil engineer—arrived in Hollywood recently for a brief visit with the Hal Wallis star who recently completed "Bitter Victory" and is now convalescing from a minor ailment which required hospitalization.

Sign June Havoc For "Red Hot And Blue"

HOLLYWOOD — Following her highly-praised performance in Paramount's Alan Ladd starrer, "Cihcago Deadline," June Havoc is returning to that studio for an important role in the forthcoming Betty Hutton-Victor Mature starrer, "Red Hot and Blue," Paramount announced recently.

The talented blonde whose role as the bigoted secretary in "Gentleman's Agreement," starteed her on the road to screen stardom will portray Sandra, Betty Hutton's roommate and a wise-cracking Broadway show girl.

In Paramount's recently completed "Chicago Deadline" she played a somewhat similar role as a brittle but likable lady of none too laudable character, friend of co-star Donna Reed.

Circa 1906

ESTHER WILLIAMS portrays the owner of a baseball team, in the early part of the century, in M-G-M's "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Others in the cast of the Technicolor musical are Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly and Betty Garrett.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Sports Editor
Local 12 Recreation Director

Toledo will send its string of Golden Gloves champions to Springfield, Ohio, to compete in the Ohio Amateur Athletic Union championships, March 25 and 26.

Although Local 12 does not have any "Gloves" champions this year, there is much interest in the bouts because of the fact that Local 12 had three champions two years ago in the Chicago fights. Heavyweight Art Rae, middleweight Cliff King, and featherweight Sammy Ross fought with the Toledo team in the Windy City. The three Local 12 lads made a good showing for themselves although they lost in the final bouts.

Birdie Rule

Boxing, which has not enjoyed too much success at Local 12 during the past year, is showing a marked increase in the membership. In this year's Golden Gloves, two outstanding performers from the Local 12 Boxing Club made a big hit with the fight fans although they were not declared Gloves champions. Ray Ulis, clever lightweight, and Billy Borchardt, tough little flyweight from the UAW stable both lost in the final bouts of the District Golden Gloves.

Local 12 is taking a new interest in its ringmen and plans are going ahead to make the UAW Boxing Club the outstanding organization of its kind in the state. With a nucleus of four boxers, the Local 12 boxing instructors, Red MacDonald, Joe Lohman and Lloyd Bennett are preparing for the coming exhibition shows and tournaments.

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Another unusual oddity is one of the strangest creatures ever seen in the United States. It is a "two-legged" pig, owned by a lady down in Kentucky. "Johnny," the two-legged pig, is not only a strange sight to behold, but even stranger to watch as he rambles about in his pen, walking on his two front feet.

That's right, he can actually walk on his two front feet! By balancing himself on his two front feet, "Johnny" has learned to get around fairly well by himself as he cavorts around in his pen. That's a fact, believe it or not!

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An old pastime which is gaining in favor is the art of knife throwing. In the olden days, knife throwing was one of the most popular of back yard pastimes. Knife throwing can also be used to a great extent in protecting one's life or in securing food with which to prolong life.

Looking back at the glamorous pageant of pioneer days, the hunting knife stands out in bold relief. Along with the rifle and the axe, this weapon of our forefathers played an important part in the early history of pioneer America.

But today, knife throwing is a gentle sport of relaxation and entertainment. Many people even hire tutors to teach them the correct ways of holding and throwing the sharp bladed pieces of steel.

No Michigan Deer Losses Reported

LANSING, Mar. 18—District game managers of the conservation department have reported no winter losses of deer in either the upper or lower peninsula through February

In the upper peninsula, deer are scattered throughout most yards and in the vicinity of logging operations

In the deer areas of the lower peninsula, the animals are reported near yards, using the swamps for shelter, and ranging at will except in a few places where there is deeper snow.

Local 12 Basketball

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division

Team	W	L
Tee Jay Cees	9	1
Surface Combustion	7	2
Plaskon Unit	7	3
Martin-Parry Unit	5	4
American Floor Unit	4	6
Unitcast Corp.	2	7
Industrial Heat Treat	0	9

National Division

Team	W	L
Toledo Scales	8	2
Auto-Lite Unit	7	3
Willys-Overland	6	4
Spicer Unit	4	6
National Supply	3	6
Schultz Die Casters	1	8

These standings include the games played on Monday, March 14.

LOCAL 12 BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Games At Robinson Junior High School

MONDAY, MARCH 21

AMERICAN DIVISION (Boys' Gymnasium)

7:00 P. M.—Industrial Heat Treat vs Martin Parry Unit
8:00 P. M.—American Floor Unit vs Unitcast Corp.
9:00 P. M.—Surface Combustion vs Plaskon Unit
Tee Jay Cees draw a bye.

NATIONAL DIVISION (Girls' Gymnasium)

Exhibition Games
7:00 P. M.—Toledo Scales vs The Moose Club
8:00 P. M.—Auto-Lite Unit vs E. Toledo Neighborhood House
9:00 P. M.—Willys-Overland vs Saam and Saam

MONDAY, MARCH 28

AMERICAN DIVISION (Boys' Gymnasium)

7:00 P. M.—Industrial Heat Treat vs Tee Jay Cees
8:00 P. M.—Martin-Parry vs Plaskon Unit
9:00 P. M.—Surface Combustion vs Unitcast Corp.

There will be no admission charge for these Local 12 Basketball League or exhibition games.

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Local 12 Basketball Tournament April 4-6

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4 Local 12 Bowlers Better The 600 Mark

George Rock's 646 Tops In Both Leagues

Individual scores this week in the Local 12 Men's leagues looked like old days. Four series over the 600 mark were rolled with George Rock, a member of the Toledo Union Journal team in the Monday loop at the Bowl-O-Drome being the spark plug coming up with a lusty 646 total on games of 191, 249, and 206.

The other three high totals were registered in the Tuesday loop at the Marathon lanes with Mel Aumiller having 606 for PAC and Bill Sirotnyak 602 for Willys Unit. The high total in that loop however, was pumped in by Congressman Burke's Paul McClellan with a creditable 617.

McClellan having help from Leo Florkowski's 562 paced the Congressman Burke team to three wins over Swartzbaugh No. 2.

Mel Aumiller's series for PAC helped that team win two from Willys Unit who in addition to Sirotnyak's 602 had Rip Tinta up with a 552. Tony Kosnek came up with 564 to help PAC.

Bingham having Steve Kmiec and Ollie Owszarzak hitting identical scores of 539 knotched three from Toledo Stamping.

DeVilbiss made it two games over Steel Tube No. 2 dropping the lone encounter in a roll off after both teams ended the game in a tie. Paul Loehrke had 558 and John Gajewski 553 for DeVilbiss. Bud Young topped the Tube team with 560.

Vic Bieneik and Ken Cupps teamed together to get 536 apiece in helping take two games from Willys Body shop that team having Bill Turner and sub Otto Malohn high bowlers. The Willys team got a bad break when they lost Len Gajewski an up and coming kegler who is lost to the team for the rest of the season as a result of an automobile accident. He has a 175 average.

Ray Matuszynski and Harold Klosterhous paved the way for Toledo Steel Tube No. 1 for a two game rout over Swartzbaugh who had Len Duszynski hitting 564.

DeVilbiss hit 1004 in the third game after winning the second by three pins and the first by 21 sticks, mainly on Al Poitinger's 589 total.

The Pipe Threaders had Norm Filas up with 589 but hit stiff competition in PAC dropping two games as PAC's Zenon Klosowski hit a 570 total.

Standard Commutator having John Kiplinger, their top bowler, captured two from Airway and the Toledo Union Journal's of course having Rock's high individual total, had an easy three game chalk up over Commercial Metal.

There were 25 homers hit with the bases loaded during the 1948 American League season, an increase of 10 over the 1947 total of "grand slammers." Tom Henrich of the New York Yankees set the 1948 pace with four sack-cleaning round trippers.

Most Consistent In Local 12 League

Although the Industrial Heat Treat team did not win a game in the American Division of the Local 12 Basketball League, it must be said that the Heat Treaters were the most consistent players in the whole League. With the turn of events going against them in every game, the Heaters doggedly put up their best efforts game after game. Every player on the squad showed up for every contest. So, in a clear Democratic spirit we are presenting the Industrial Heat Treat cage artists. They are, left to right, Jerry Bruce, Bill Barweiler, Dick Bodi, Earl Makin, Ted Parry, Bill Shull, and Tom Palmer.

National Division Ends In Local 12 Basketball Loop

Toledo Scales Win Division Title

The teams in the National Division of the Local 12 Basketball League ended the regular schedule, Monday night in Robinson Junior High School, with the Toledo Scales being declared the Division champions by virtue of their eight victories and two losses to edge the remaining five teams.

The Scalemen were one-and-one-half games above their nearest competitors, the Auto-Lite Unit five. The Auto-Lites, after a slow start, showed marked improvement towards the end of the season and wound up with a record of seven wins against three setbacks. Willys-Overland, conceded to be one of the top teams at the beginning of play, wound up in third place in the standings, with the Spicer Unit team close by with four victories and six reversals.

The National Supply team, showing a lot of fight throughout the entire schedule, finished with three wins and carried six losses. Most of the losses were by a very slim margin. The Schultz Die Casters played in less luck during the schedule and were able to notch only one victory while taking eight on the chin from their stronger opponents.

In the American Division of the League, the Tee Jay Cees are currently in first position with two games remaining on the regular schedule. The Tee Jay Cees have nine wins and one loss, while their nearest opponents, the Surface Combustion Unit, is entrenched in second place with seven victories and two failures. However, the Plaskon Unit, which has been coming along strong in the final spurt, claims seven wins against three setbacks. With two more games yet to be played, anything can happen in this Division and the final titleists may not be determined until the final night of the schedule, Monday, March 28.

The Martin-Parry Unit, American Floor Unit, Unitcast Corp., and Industrial Heat Treat follow in the order named up to this date.

What is speed of ski jpr at takeoff?
About 90 mph.

Small Game Animals Survive Winter

LANSING, Mar. 18.—Sufficient corn has been available to pheasants, rabbits and squirrels this winter, a conservation department survey of food conditions shows.

Lack of heavy snow and severe weather also has helped these small game animals to find such necessary diet items as dandelion leaves and grass.

Weights of hens trapped in the Saginaw Bay state game area showed pheasants averaging 1.76 ounces less than in January. This loss is about normal. The birds still are heavier than they would be in a more usual winter with heavier snow.

Former UAW Boxer Fights On Pro Card Monday

Gene Reynolds, who was an impressive amateur boxer with the Local 12 stable, will fight his second professional ring engagement Monday night in the Civic Auditorium when he meets Frankie O'Brien, another former Toledo amateur middleweight now turned professional, when Sid Goldberg offers his Star Boxing Club program to the ring fans.

Two other Toledoans, featherweight Johnny O'Connor, and welterweight Charlie Cotton, former Golden Gloves champion, have been matched and will appear on the card Monday night. O'Connor who is a favorite in Toledo, will meet tough Henry Green, Detroit, in one of the six rounders, while Cotton has been matched with Joe Jackson, of Flint, Michigan, in another six round bout. Jackson is of the top caliber, having lost a very close decision to clever Sammy Secreet of Pittsburgh.

Tangling in one of the feature 10 round bouts will be popular Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio, and Irish Jimmy Cone of Chicago. The other 10 rounder will send veteran Gene Spencer of Chicago against Pittsburgh's tough and ready Sammy Mastrean.

There will be 36 rounds of professional boxing on Monday night's card, which will be offered to the Toledo boxing fans at popular prices. Tickets are now on sale at one, two, and three dollars in the usual downtown ticket agencies.

Early Spring?

Northward migration of meadow larks, bluebirds and red-winged blackbirds has started two weeks earlier this year. These birds have been spotted near Mason and Jackson, Michigan.

How many times did Jim Jeffries defend his heavy ch?
6—vs. Jim Corbett (twice), Gus Ruhlin, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Munroe & Tom Sharkey.

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Games At Scott High School; Six Top Teams To Compete

Arrangements have been completed for the annual Local 12 Basketball Tournament to be held in the Scott High School gymnasium on Monday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 6, it was announced today by Ed Cury, manager of the League.

The three top teams in the American Division and the same number in the National Division will compete for the championship of the League. The American Division teams are the Surface Combustion, Plaskon Unit, and the Tee Jay Cees. Those of the National Division are the Toledo Scales, Auto-Lite Unit, and the Willys-Overland. The Toledo Scales emerged champions of the National Division at the end of the regular season schedule and the Tee Jay Cees held a similar honor in the National Division.

Managers Meet Tonight

The managers and captains of the six teams involved in the playoffs will meet tonight at 7 in Local 12 headquarters to select opponents for the first night of tournament play. The managers of the three teams representing the American Division will select three numbers denoting their National Division opponents. Three games will be played on the opening night of the tournament and the three winners will compete on the final night for the championship. The first game on the final night will begin at 8 p. m., while the team drawing the bye will play the winner of the opening contest. The final game of the tourney will begin at 9 p. m.

There will be no admission charge for the tournament and all Local 12 members and the basketball fans of Toledo are invited to witness the playoffs in the Scott High School gymnasium.

Local 9 Boxing Show Pleases Toledo Fans

The amateur boxing show sponsored by the Flat Glass Workers, Local 9, attracted a large crowd of fight fans to the Civic Auditorium, last Monday, where 15 action-filled bouts were offered to the Toledo fistic lovers. The all-star boxing show was the first annual sponsored by Local 9.

The fifteen bouts arranged by Local 9 officers Harry Scott, William Akos, instructors Barney Quilter, Frankie Gerard, and George Curley, and Arthur Morse, City Recreation Director, were well balanced and brought the crowd to its feet on several occasions. The program was one of the best amateur cards held here for some time.

Two Local 12 boxers, emerged winners of their respective bouts while one newcomer from the UAW stable lost by the kayo route. Richard Gooch, classy Local 12 middleweight, won the judges' decision over Gordon Kilgore, hard puncher from the Lima (Ohio) VFW. Ray Ulis, stablemate of Gooch, again pleaseded the fans with his ring mastery as he decisively outboxed and outpunched Benny Perales, former Golden Gloves lightweight champion from the Local 9 stable. Larry McCartney, another Local 12 middleweight, ran into a clever lad from the Indiana YMCA and was kayoed by Leo Mack in the second round of their bout.

In all, Local 9 lads took high honors in seven of the card of fifteen bouts. Boxers representing Columbus, Ohio, could take only one victory back to the Capital City. Nick Turner, rangy Columbus middleweight, copped the only victory for the downstaters when he won a decision over Al Balcerzak of the Police and Fire gym.

The other Local 9 boxers who won their contests were Harvey LaPlante, welterweight, Johnny Garcia, featherweight, Howard Friemark, bantamweight, George Antoine, heavyweight, Tito Clarey, lightweight and Dick Corado, welterweight.

Cury Names All-Star Teams

Ed Cury, manager of the Local 12 Basketball League, heaped praise on 15 members of the circuit yesterday by naming three all-star squads.

His selections follow: First Team — Dick Berkel, Toledo Scales, and Ken Ostrander, Auto Lite, forwards; Bob Aultman, Spicers, center; H. Moss, Willys-Overland, and Bill Ellis, Toledo Scales, guards; Second Team—Fred Fleming, Auto-Lite and Bryan Furis, Toledo Joint Council, forwards; Ed Solomon, National Supply, center, Ezra Moore, Spicers, and Herman Lindenmith, American Floor, guards.

Third Team—M. France, Toledo Scales and Joe Horvath, Auto-Lite, forwards; Frank Hlubik, Willys-Overland, center; G. Palmer, Schultz Die Casting, and B. Rumis, Toledo Scales, guards. Honorable mention went to Paul Wening, Schultz Die; Gil Fair, Auto-Lite; Joe Adams, Unitcasts; Mickey Badik, Surface Combustion; Paul Kornowa, American Floor, and Dick Anglemeier, National Supply.

Who led NL slugging pct last year?
Stan Musial, St. L. (N) .702.

Merks Play Clarks At Arena Tonight

After dropping a hard-fought opening game of a four-out-of-seven series to the Milwaukee Clarks, Tuesday night, the Toledo Mercurys will again face the tough foes in the Sports Arena tonight, in an effort to even the count at one apiece.

The 4-3 defeat for the Mercurys was in the opening game of the final playoff series for the Southern Division championship of the International Hockey League. The Clarks came from behind to take the close, hard earned victory.

Toledo hockey fans packed the Sports Arena to watch the hard-skating Milwaukee Clarks beat the Mercurys at their own game. The Mercurys, known for their ability to hand out the rough stuff when the time is opportune, were treated to the same medicine as the Milwaukeeans dished punishment to the tired Toledo players.

Tonight's contest will be the second in the series. The next two games will be played in Milwaukee tomorrow night and next Tuesday.

A few good seats are still available for tonight's game. Those wishing tickets are asked to call at the Sports Arena or at the B. R. Baker Men's store.

BASEBALL BRIEFS:

Wally Moses, veteran outfielder who will play with the Philadelphia Athletics this 1949 season, needs but 43 hits to reach the 2,000-hit lifetime total, a figure held by only one active player in the American League, Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox. Appling, in 18 seasons, has made 2,571 safeties.

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Joe Di Maggio, star New York Yankee outfield slugger, long will remember the homer he hit last Sept. 16 off Fred Hutchinson of the Detroit Tigers. It was Joe's 300th homer and ranked him with Babe Ruth, Jimmy Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Hank Greenberg and Al Simmons as members of the American League's "300 homer club." Di Maggio got three more before the season ended to bring his lifetime total to 303 round trippers in 10 seasons of play.

What is Walter Johnson's Wash (A), lifetime pitching record?
W. 413, L. 280.

Foul

Max Schmeling is the only fighter to win the world's heavyweight championship on a foul.